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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 2 : CHEMICALS, ETC. - FEBRUARY 1971

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The figures for 1967-68 are those recorded in the Annual Factory Census. All subsequent figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. Production figures for Northern Territory and A.C.T. are included from July 1968. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1970" (Ref. No. 1.10) issued on 29 June 1970.

Period	Acids (in terms of 100% Acid)				Chlorine	Sodium hydroxide (100%) (caustic soda)	Sulphate of ammonia	Superphosphate (b)
	Hydrochloric	Nitric	Sulphuric					
			Original	Seas.adj.(a)				
Code No.	401.29	401.37	401.57		405.82	407.88	405.36	415.07
	- tons -		- '000 tons -			- tons -		'000 tons
1967-68	n.a.	35,033	1,892	..	75,693	98,190	87,007	3,935
1968-69	35,320	65,039	1,853	..	83,793	105,478	105,463	3,938
1969-70	35,838	124,725	1,748	..	88,567	111,107	114,085	3,598
Months : 1970 January	3,087	10,223	171	164	7,186	8,510	7,931	346
February	2,961	5,730	148	147	6,959	7,641	6,949	355
March	3,351	12,051	151	141	8,158	9,870	8,806	332
April	2,758	11,225	131	120	7,129	9,112	7,861	306
May	3,311	12,522	139	135	8,308	10,511	11,301	255
June	3,846	10,480	112	122	7,361	9,423	8,912	210
July	3,496	6,705	88	99	6,937	9,065	10,338	165
August	5,135	9,613	127	138	8,066	10,385	14,737	218
September	4,123	9,793	156	146	7,546	9,644	14,289	312
October	2,945	13,288	146	142	7,298	9,729	13,194	322
November	3,253	15,899	142	158	8,756	11,133	13,120	289
December	3,374	8,020	144	140	7,345	9,225	17,746	282
1971 January	2,612	6,174	115	113	7,102	9,125	18,437	249
February	2,936	5,355	154	153	6,172	7,994	13,228	n.a.
8 months ended February 1971	27,874	74,847	1,072	..	59,222	76,300	115,089	n.a.
8 months ended February 1970	22,572	78,447	1,215	..	57,611	72,191	77,205	2,496

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Monthly figures supplied by Department of Primary Industry. Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate i.e. 22% P_2O_5 equivalent. Annual Factory Census figures exclude ammonium phosphate.

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