



EXPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1981 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

Exports during March 1981 fell by \$103m to \$1,474m, a decrease of 6.5%, compared with February 1981.

Decreases were recorded in wheat (-\$62m), machinery and transport equipment (-\$48m) and metalliferous ores (-\$21m). However, these decreases were partly offset by increases in metal manufactures (+\$37m) and meat (+\$24m).

Exports for the nine months ended March 1981 increased by \$240m, a rise of 1.7%, compared with the nine months ended March 1980.

Increases were recorded in sugar (+\$383m), machinery and transport equipment (+\$220m) and textile fibres (+\$209m). Decreases were recorded in metal manufactures (-\$300m) and wheat (-\$255m).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of exports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (AECC) (1203.0). Statistics for 1980-81 are preliminary and subject to revision.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly publications *Exports, Australia* (5404.0) and *Exports of Major Commodities and their Principal Markets, Australia* (5403.0).

Source of data

3. These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in export entries submitted by exporters or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act.

Statistical period

4. Exports are recorded statistically in the month in which the entries are both finalised by the Bureau of Customs and passed to the ABS for further processing. Regular exporters or their agents may provide details of their export shipments on a periodic rather than an individual shipment basis by submitting weekly or monthly returns. These *periodic returns* must be submitted to the Bureau of Customs within seven days of the period in question covering all shipments during that period. All other exporters are required to report each individual shipment prior to the ship's departure. Approximately 90% of monthly export values are recorded on periodic returns. The statistical month for Customs outputs (generally ports other than those at which the main

Customs office in each State is located) closes on the 21st of each month, whereas for mainports the statistical month is the calendar month. Because of these factors export statistics for a particular month do not represent all of the commodities actually exported during that month. Analysis of past data has shown that in aggregate approximately 55% of export trade by value for a particular month reflects actual shipments during that month, 40% by value was actually exported during the previous month with the remaining 5% by value exported in earlier months. For individual commodities the percentage by value representing actual exports in a month may vary considerably.

Valuation

5. Goods sold to overseas buyers before export are valued at the free-on-board (f.o.b.) Australian port of shipment equivalent of the actual price paid to the exporter. Goods shipped on consignment are valued at the f.o.b. Australian port of shipment equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which they are dispatched for sale. The value of outside packages is included.

Merchandise exports

6. In accordance with standards recommended by the United Nations merchandise exports are defined as all goods which subtract from the stock of material resources in Australia as a result of their movement out of the country. Merchandise exports, therefore, exclude goods exported with the reasonable expectation of re-import within a limited time. A complete list of commodities not included in merchandise trade is shown under Section 9(b) of the AECC. These include, for example, coin being legal tender and goods for temporary exhibition outside Australia. Goods excluded from merchandise trade are for convenience termed non-merchandise and non-merchandise is shown separately in Table 3. Total trade is the addition of merchandise and non-merchandise trade.

Commodity classification

7. From 1 July 1978, exports have been classified according to the AECC which is based on the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 2. A detailed description of the commodity items included in this publication is contained in the AECC. Copies of or extracts from this classification may be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city.

Revision to previous figures

8. Where revisions have been made to the previously published figures for earlier months of the current financial year, appropriate adjustments are made to the year-to-date figures shown in this publication. For this reason, monthly figures published in previous issues for the current financial year will not necessarily add to the year-to-date figures shown in the latest issue.

Special returns system

9. More detailed and/or timely statistics, at a more specific commodity level, are available through subscription to the pre-paid Overseas Trade Special Return Service. Subscribers to this service can obtain by post computer-produced *special returns* according to a limited number of formats for a charge consistent with the level of detail required. Special returns are available on a monthly or less frequent basis and application forms are available from the Overseas Trade Section in Canberra or from each State office of the ABS.

Related publications

10. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Exports of Major Commodities and their Principal Markets, Australia (5403.0)—issued monthly

Exports, Australia (5404.0)—issued monthly

Imports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5405.0)—issued monthly

Imports, Australia (5406.0)—issued monthly

Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices, Australia (5421.0)—issued quarterly

Exports by Mode of Transport, Australia (5415.0) — issued quarterly

Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0)—issued monthly

11. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

12. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDEXES OF CURRENT PRICE VALUES OF MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES (a)

Commodity description	Average monthly value 1979-80	January 1981	February 1981	March 1981
Meat and meat preparations (01)	100	104	59	75
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	100	95	120	96
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	100	159	131	112
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	100	148	124	119
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	100	107	91	83
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	100	119	115	111
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	78	160	168
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	75	62	84
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	100	107	163	96
Total all exports	100	106	100	94

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

TABLE 2. SHARE BY VALUE OF MAJOR COMMODITIES IN TOTAL EXPORTS (a)

Commodity description	1979-80 %	January 1981 %	February 1981 %	March 1981 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	9.2	8.9	5.4	7.4
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	15.3	13.8	18.4	15.8
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	3.7	5.6	4.8	4.4
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	8.5	11.9	10.5	10.8
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.2	17.3	15.6	15.3
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	8.9	10.0	10.3	10.6
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	1.7	2.3	3.6	4.1
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	10.7	7.5	6.6	9.5
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.5	4.6	7.4	4.6
Total all exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Exports of the 'major commodities' shown in these tables are significant exports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions).

TABLE 3. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (\$'000)

Section and Division	January 1981	February 1981	March 1981	Nine months ended March	
				1980	1981
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	19,064	24,597	17,949	151,494	159,984
01 Meat and meat preparations	149,285	85,017	109,494	1,350,075	1,195,318
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	27,957	22,540	21,490	198,169	204,602
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	22,953	19,737	17,740	177,392	151,399
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	230,051	289,644	232,428	2,082,841	1,785,626
05 Vegetables and fruit	14,673	7,584	8,982	134,927	161,816
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	93,021	76,229	65,170	520,176	902,683
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3,835	1,955	1,206	16,397	22,750
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2,653	2,055	3,225	19,520	26,445
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,172	877	1,210	10,942	10,322
<i>Total Section 0</i>	<i>564,665</i>	<i>530,234</i>	<i>479,804</i>	<i>4,661,933</i>	<i>4,620,944</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	2,588	2,066	3,365	21,258	27,096
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	864	903	1,029	11,033	9,009
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>3,452</i>	<i>2,968</i>	<i>4,394</i>	<i>32,291</i>	<i>36,105</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	16,302	13,119	15,241	310,491	153,772
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	351	168	976	34,636	4,210
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	209	43	157	2,452	1,353
24 Cork and wood	14,383	19,295	9,772	119,476	158,025
25 Pulp and waste paper	89	75	126	809	1,686
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	198,366	166,039	159,646	1,182,770	1,391,313
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	7,319	9,125	6,921	60,198	69,596
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	289,140	246,071	225,467	2,331,303	2,439,581
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3,924	3,640	4,185	35,622	48,392
<i>Total Section 2</i>	<i>530,082</i>	<i>457,576</i>	<i>422,492</i>	<i>4,077,757</i>	<i>4,267,929</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	167,652	162,228	156,011	1,243,279	1,303,399
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	27,578	56,710	59,844	326,344	354,335
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
<i>Total Section 3 (b)</i>	<i>195,229</i>	<i>218,939</i>	<i>215,855</i>	<i>1,569,624</i>	<i>1,657,734</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats	7,164	5,196	3,514	76,170	59,425
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	95	340	883	1,195	3,607
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	695	401	457	4,593	5,433
<i>Total Section 4</i>	<i>7,954</i>	<i>5,937</i>	<i>4,854</i>	<i>81,958</i>	<i>68,465</i>
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
51 Organic chemicals	4,248	2,315	2,340	36,126	39,070
52 Inorganic chemicals	5,851	4,693	4,938	50,276	56,889
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,463	2,146	1,943	16,002	20,602
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	6,774	4,077	6,734	52,304	59,446
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,527	2,377	2,610	21,170	23,228
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	907	179	459	3,495	4,510
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	783	48	664	4,432	4,401
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	7,384	6,454	4,978	44,205	51,092
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	13,002	3,737	4,720	53,228	61,190
<i>Total Section 5</i>	<i>42,938</i>	<i>26,026</i>	<i>29,386</i>	<i>281,238</i>	<i>320,428</i>

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION—continued

Section and Division	January 1981	February 1981	March 1981	Nine months ended March	
				1980	1981
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	3,063	1,559	1,798	32,326	23,771
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	1,212	632	924	8,947	9,720
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	640	532	771	4,987	6,628
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	4,116	2,347	4,496	34,457	44,572
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	10,361	7,212	10,114	81,786	90,306
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	12,285	8,879	10,131	91,471	103,911
67 Iron and steel	30,980	39,790	49,859	444,932	391,189
68 Non-ferrous metals	81,028	54,388	77,591	962,384	712,770
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	13,681	9,225	12,975	119,275	122,726
<i>Total Section 6</i>	<i>157,367</i>	<i>124,565</i>	<i>168,659</i>	<i>1,780,564</i>	<i>1,505,592</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	2,132	3,793	2,177	29,408	31,339
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	17,916	13,826	11,134	119,761	140,898
73 Metalworking machinery	2,035	1,112	1,965	15,208	19,678
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	14,610	11,081	11,054	91,779	116,758
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	3,966	3,310	4,689	31,795	37,868
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	3,182	1,314	1,805	19,570	32,754
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counter-parts n.e.s., of electrical household type equipment)	7,742	6,247	7,988	63,549	73,102
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	13,728	12,338	10,656	119,854	135,045
79 Other transport equipment	11,071	63,188	17,087	132,387	255,865
<i>Total Section 7</i>	<i>76,382</i>	<i>116,209</i>	<i>68,555</i>	<i>623,310</i>	<i>843,306</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	343	203	295	3,599	3,751
82 Furniture and parts thereof	828	634	501	5,581	6,767
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	43	31	41	876	504
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,675	879	1,518	16,519	13,995
85 Footwear	379	264	300	2,573	3,232
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	5,794	5,446	5,761	55,164	62,498
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.: watches and clocks	11,919	7,421	7,071	60,339	72,868
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	9,521	10,802	7,750	78,367	90,819
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>30,502</i>	<i>25,681</i>	<i>23,238</i>	<i>223,017</i>	<i>254,433</i>
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	35,165	55,477	41,934	379,642	412,059
<i>Total merchandise (d)</i>	<i>1,643,737</i>	<i>1,563,611</i>	<i>1,459,170</i>	<i>13,711,333</i>	<i>13,986,995</i>
9B Non-merchandise (e)	26,109	13,954	15,179	202,248	166,415
Total exports	1,669,846	1,577,565	1,474,349	13,913,581	14,153,410

(a) Included in Division 9A. See paragraph 10 of explanatory notes. (b) Excludes Division 34. See paragraph 10 of explanatory notes. (c) Includes Division 34. See paragraph 10 of explanatory notes. (d) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (e) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (1203.0).