

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1968 (PRELIMINARY)

Preliminary estimates for November 1968 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for November for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 52 Monthly Production Summaries and the Monthly Bulletin of Production Statistics.

2. This statement includes seasonally adjusted statistics of several commodities. 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 these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1968" (Ref. No. 1.10) issued on 21 May 1968.

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1967			Months 1968		
			1966-67	1967-68	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
1.	Pig iron	'000 tons	(a) 4,893	(a) 5,209	427	416	382	455	497	487
2.	Ingot steel - Original	" "	(a) 6,065	(a) 6,298	r539	r528	475	r537	565	534
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	r522	r524	468	517	561	527
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	(a) 5,233	(a) 5,483	467	473	432	461	494	465
4.	Tinplate	" "	(a) 257	(a) 254	22.6	23.1	23.4	22.2	22.1	22.0
5.	Gas (available for issue) - Original	mil. therms	302	309	28.4	25.0	22.3	29.9	27.8	24.5
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	26.7	24.8	24.8	28.2	27.5	27.3
6.	Electricity	mil. kWh	41,484	44,362	3,757	3,611	3,513	r4,033	r3,958	3,808
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	3,705	3,622	3,659	r4,013	r3,919	3,987
7.	Bricks, clay	million	1,361	1,439	120	124	128	130	142	142
8.	Cement, Portland	'000 tons	3,661	3,803	333	354	324	345	366	349
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	321	324	313	334	334	338
9.	Particle board	mil. sq ft	92.1	111.2	10.02	9.62	10.55	10.59	12.35	11.04
10.	Plastics and synthetic resins (b)	'000 cwt	1,849	2,247	176	175	169	194	198	197
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq yd	24,262	26,772	2,232	2,458	2,605	2,595	2,954	2,590
12.	Acid - Sulphuric	'000 tons	1,898	1,881	173	160	153	173	165	139
13.	Nitric	ton	31,002	35,023	3,380	2,657	3,256	3,289	2,917	4,089
14.	Hydrochloric	"	6,765	6,675	610	649	659	838	959	933
15.	Refrigerators, domestic	'000	232	246	24.7	24.7	25.4	26.6	30.1	27.4
16.	Clothes washing machines, domestic	"	232	277	23.1	23.8	26.7	27.1	r26.7	23.9
17.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	"	446	496	43.0	49.6	53.6	r73.2	r73.2	87.4
18.	Television sets	"	255	254	23.0	20.7	21.9	26.2	r27.2	24.0

(a) Year ended 31 May. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only.

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No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1967			Months 1968		
			1966-67	1967-68	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
19.	Electric motors - Under 1 hp - Original	'000	2,527	2,770	253	251	287	267	304	287
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	245	234	234	263	263	249
20.	1 hp and over	"	140	140	11.1	12.7	13.6	16.3	r18.6	18.9
21.	Internal combustion engines - petrol (a)	"	267	245	37.2	34.5	30.5	36.3	37.5	30.7
22.	Lawn mowers - petrol - rotary type	"	220	r185	29.4	r31.1	25.1	32.0	32.7	22.8
23.	Cars and station wagons (b)	"	296	330	24.8	30.0	30.9	29.9	32.4	29.7
24.	Utilities and panel vans (b)	"	49.2	47.2	4.33	4.49	5.01	5.12	5.17	4.65
25.	Trucks and truck type vehicles (b)	"	22.5	22.2	1.88	2.29	2.11	2.19	r2.16	2.07
26.	Yarn (c) - Cotton	'000 lb	60,792	60,509	5,838	5,615	5,372	5,532	r5,672	5,507
27.	Wool	" "	51,421	53,769	4,634	5,266	5,287	4,519	r5,298	4,900
	Woven cloth (c) -									
28.	Cotton (excl. towelling) - Original	'000 sq. yd.	57,573	58,857	5,830	5,334	5,251	5,074	r5,158	5,266
	Seas. adj. (f)	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
29.	Wool (excl. blanketing) - Original	" " "	21,145	23,100	1,910	2,238	2,398	1,961	2,448	2,269
	Seas. adj.	" " "	..	..	1,906	1,949	1,962	1,973	2,003	1,961
30.	Cellulosic fibre	" " "	35,692	36,716	3,507	3,186	3,114	r3,550	r3,327	3,283
31.	Synthetic fibre	" " "	23,530	28,299	2,563	2,458	2,401	r2,857	r2,823	2,674
32.	Confectionery - Chocolate base	mil lb	107	99	9.31	8.24	7.72	8.79	8.58	7.71
33.	Other	" "	111	112	10.61	11.24	11.44	r10.49	11.29	10.76
34.	Beer (d)	mil gal	294	317	25.0	28.0	28.9	25.8	r31.3	30.6
35.	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes (e)	mil lb	58.0	59.0	4.70	5.76	5.04	4.80	6.13	5.60

(a) Excludes marine inboard, motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines, but includes engines for outboard motors.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

(c) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named.

(d) All figures for 1967-68 were collected by the Department of Customs and Excise and include waste beer. Other figures, collected by this Bureau, exclude waste beer.

(e) Source: Department of Customs and Excise.

(f) Series under review

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