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Main Features

- The total quantity of logs processed in the September quarter 1985 was 348,538 cubic metres, using the gross volume measure. This was 4 per cent more than the volume processed during the June quarter 1985, and 8 per cent more than the volume recorded for the September quarter 1984.
- Plywood, veneer, etc. mills treated 66,565 cubic metres in the September quarter 1985. This was marginally less than the volume treated in the June quarter 1985, and 2 per cent less than the volume treated in the September quarter 1984.
- Logs processed from native forests totalled 243,744 cubic metres, or 70 per cent of the production, with plantation logs (104,794 cubic metres) supplying the remaining 30 per cent.

Explanatory Notes

This publication has been compiled, in co-operation with the State Forestry Department, from returns lodged by the proprietors of all mills licensed under the "Sawmills Licensing Act 1936-1979". The figures exclude details of some smaller type operations which do not produce timber for sale.

The gross volume measure has been used in reporting cubic metres of logs processed. The gross volume measure is based on the external dimensions of the log with no allowance being made for defects.

Statistical Divisions

For statistical purposes local authority areas, as defined under the "Local Government Act 1936-1985", are grouped into statistical divisions.

Related Publications

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

"Census of Manufacturing Establishments: Summary of Operations by Industry Class" (8202.3)

"Census of Manufacturing Establishments: Details of Operations by Industry" (8203.3)

"Manufacturing Commodities: Principal Articles Produced" (8301.3)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the "Catalogue of Publications" (Catalogue No. 1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.

Unpublished Statistics

The ABS can also make available certain sawmill statistics which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required statistics by telephone, they may be available in other forms, such as photocopy, computer printout, or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished statistics in these forms.

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Symbols and Other Usages

- Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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Table 1 - Log Timber Processed: Species by Type of Mill, Queensland
(cubic metres)

Species	Year			Quarter					
	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1984			1985		
				June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.
Sawmills									
Australian grown									
Native forests									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	25,385	29,205	31,448	9,249	7,304	8,462	7,160	8,522	10,148
Cypress	120,207	136,576	164,750	37,542	42,499	42,145	36,920	43,186	43,004
Other	3,570	1,340	4,205	248	659	1,944	751	851	1,019
Forest hardwoods ..	491,391	469,453	476,789	117,211	120,415	120,668	100,638	135,068	131,376
Rain-forest structural timbers	60,652	58,933	55,071	14,171	15,747	14,839	11,615	12,870	13,960
Cabinetwoods									
Prime	17,725	16,493	18,947	2,976	4,629	3,984	3,894	6,440	6,473
Miscellaneous ..	25,583	27,229	29,948	5,931	8,358	8,423	5,824	7,343	8,520
Plantations									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	70,786	82,867	77,655	27,675	21,714	18,679	15,308	21,954	26,948
Other	73,692	101,756	116,638	29,460	34,343	26,701	22,139	33,455	40,525
Non-coniferous ..	250	136	340	-	64	121	-	155	-
Imported	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	889,252	923,998	975,791	244,463	255,732	245,966	204,249	269,844	281,973
Plywood, Veneer, etc. Mills (a)									
Australian grown									
Native forests									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	5,379	7,289	3,779	1,365	1,359	1,042	636	742	870
Cypress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	173	96	63	40	-	8	-	55	187
Forest hardwoods ..	67,157	97,846	87,250	22,535	21,393	22,438	22,584	20,835	21,262
Rain-forest structural timbers	7,543	5,064	4,047	846	1,138	1,467	890	552	1,578
Cabinetwoods									
Prime	11,566	11,346	9,425	2,914	3,657	2,129	1,276	2,363	2,969
Miscellaneous ..	18,620	16,526	11,041	3,020	2,931	3,925	2,442	1,743	2,378
Plantations									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	11,085	10,675	17,514	3,760	4,963	3,778	3,964	4,809	5,895
Other	74,621	114,272	125,467	40,569	32,147	33,048	24,745	35,527	31,426
Non-coniferous ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported	558	73	53	48	53	-	-	-	-
Total	196,702	263,187	258,639	75,097	67,641	67,835	56,537	66,626	66,565
Total									
Australian grown									
Native forests									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	30,764	36,494	35,227	10,614	8,663	9,504	7,796	9,264	11,018
Cypress	120,207	136,576	164,750	37,542	42,499	42,145	36,920	43,186	43,004
Other	3,743	1,436	4,268	288	659	1,952	751	906	1,206
Forest hardwoods ..	558,548	567,299	564,039	139,746	141,808	143,106	123,222	155,903	152,638
Rain-forest structural timbers	68,195	63,997	59,118	15,017	16,885	16,306	12,505	13,422	15,538
Cabinetwoods									
Prime	29,291	27,839	28,372	5,890	8,286	6,113	5,170	8,803	9,442
Miscellaneous ..	44,203	43,755	40,989	8,951	11,289	12,348	8,266	9,086	10,898
Plantations									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	81,871	93,542	95,169	31,435	26,677	22,457	19,272	26,763	32,843
Other	148,313	216,028	242,105	70,029	66,490	59,749	46,884	68,982	71,951
Non-coniferous ..	250	136	340	-	64	121	-	155	-
Imported	569	73	53	48	53	-	-	-	-
Total	1,085,954	1,187,175	1,234,430	319,550	323,373	313,801	260,786	336,470	348,538

(a) Including logs processed by mills for the production of wood pulp, wood-wool, fibre board, and particle board.

Table 2 - Log Timber Processed and Sawn Timber Produced: Species by Statistical Divisions, Queensland,
September Quarter 1985

Species	Statistical division											Total Queens- land
	Bris- bane	Moreton	Wide Bay- Burnett	Darling Downs	South- West	Fitzroy	Cent- ral- West	Mackay	North- ern	Far North	North- West	
Log Timber Processed												
	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m
Australian grown												
Native forests												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	3,618	4,865	1,230	135	-	17	-	232	6	915	-	11,018
Cypress ..	77	-	23	24,625	17,918	256	-	-	-	105	-	43,004
Other ..	346	284	-	369	-	-	-	-	187	20	-	1,206
Forest hardwoods	30,361	32,142	49,216	9,975	-	17,437	-	7,022	3,186	3,299	-	152,638
Rain-forest struc- tural timbers	251	20	50	1,313	-	-	-	1,475	718	11,711	-	15,538
Cabinetwoods												
Prime ..	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	42	2,523	6,867	-	9,442
Miscellaneous	-	17	25	-	-	-	-	1,082	2,386	7,388	-	10,898
Plantations												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	5,895	1,698	16,126	6,121	-	1,988	-	-	-	1,015	-	32,843
Other ..	31,447	7,829	23,533	4,711	-	4,062	-	258	73	38	-	71,951
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ..	71,995	46,865	90,203	47,249	17,918	23,760	-	10,111	9,079	31,358	-	348,538
Proportion of Species Processed by Statistical Division												
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Australian grown												
Native forests												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	32.8	44.2	11.2	1.2	-	0.2	-	2.1	0.1	8.3	-	100.0
Cypress ..	0.2	-	0.1	57.3	41.7	0.6	-	-	-	0.2	-	100.0
Other ..	28.7	23.5	-	30.6	-	-	-	-	15.5	1.7	-	100.0
Forest hardwoods	19.9	21.1	32.2	6.5	-	11.4	-	4.6	2.1	2.2	-	100.0
Rain-forest struc- tural timbers	1.6	0.1	0.3	8.5	-	-	-	9.5	4.6	75.4	-	100.0
Cabinetwoods												
Prime ..	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	26.7	72.7	-	100.0
Miscellaneous	-	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	9.9	21.9	67.8	-	100.0
Plantations												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	17.9	5.2	49.1	18.6	-	6.1	-	-	-	3.1	-	100.0
Other ..	43.7	10.9	32.7	6.5	-	5.6	-	0.4	0.1	0.1	-	100.0
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ..	20.7	13.4	25.9	13.6	5.1	6.8	-	2.9	2.6	9.0	-	100.0
Sawn Timber Produced (a)												
	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m
Australian grown												
Native forests												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	1,976	2,967	600	85	-	9	-	138	-	30	-	5,805
Cypress ..	34	-	12	10,288	7,168	95	-	-	-	39	-	17,636
Other ..	139	137	-	202	-	-	-	-	11	9	-	498
Forest hardwoods (b) ..	3,948	13,201	19,748	4,431	-	6,674	-	3,017	1,626	1,408	-	54,053
Rain-forest struc- tural timbers	105	9	24	543	-	-	-	670	40	3,918	-	5,309
Cabinetwoods												
Prime ..	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	22	312	2,385	-	2,724
Miscellaneous	-	9	13	-	-	-	-	479	405	2,308	-	3,214
Plantations												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	-	830	6,692	2,720	-	739	-	-	-	434	-	11,415
Other ..	1,100	2,528	8,387	2,034	-	1,827	-	85	21	12	-	15,994
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ..	7,302	19,686	35,476	20,303	7,168	9,344	-	4,411	2,415	10,543	-	116,648

(a) From sawmills only. In addition, plywood and veneer mills produced 176,435 square metres of sliced veneers and 6,181,218 square metres (1 mm basis) of rotary veneers. (b) Including 4,072 cubic metres of railway sleepers.

Table 3 - Log Timber Processed: Species by Type and Capacity of Mill, Queensland, September Quarter 1985
(cubic metres)

Species	Sawmills with quarterly licensed capacity (cubic metres) of			Plywood, veneer, etc. mills	Total
	Under 900	900 and under 2,700	2,700 and over		
Australian grown					
Native forests					
Conifers: Hoop, bunya, and kauri	425	4,606	5,117	870	11,018
Cypress	4,000	22,447	16,557	-	43,004
Other	783	20	216	187	1,206
Forest hardwoods	21,260	36,687	73,429	21,262	152,638
Rain-forest structural timbers	684	1,319	11,957	1,578	15,538
Cabinetwoods: Prime	191	425	5,857	2,969	9,442
Miscellaneous	639	2,243	5,638	2,378	10,898
Plantations					
Conifers: Hoop, bunya, and kauri	59	1,781	25,108	5,895	32,843
Other	311	18,513	21,701	31,426	71,951
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-
Imported	-	-	-	-	-
Total	28,352	88,041	165,580	(a) 66,565	348,538

(a) Including 49,651 cubic metres of logs processed by mills for the production of wood pulp, wood-wool, fibre board, and particle board.

Table 4 - Number of Mills Operating in Statistical Divisions by Type and Capacity of Mill, Queensland,
September Quarter 1985

Statistical division	Sawmills with quarterly licensed capacity (cubic metres) of			Plywood, veneer, etc. mills	Total
	Under 900	900 and under 2,700	2,700 and over		
Brisbane	14	2	4	6	26
Moreton	31	18	6	2	57
Wide Bay-Burnett	21	16	16	-	53
Darling Downs	21	20	10	-	51
South-West	4	12	1	-	17
Fitzroy	11	8	5	-	24
Central-West	-	-	-	-	-
Mackay	8	6	4	-	18
Northern	6	3	1	2	12
Far North	17	10	10	5	42
North-West	-	-	-	-	-
Total Queensland	133	95	57	15	300

Australian Grown Log Timber Processed by Species, Queensland, September Quarter 1985
('000 cubic metres)

