



EXPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA MAY 1981 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

Exports during May 1981 rose by \$78m to \$1.739m, an increase of 5% compared with April 1981.

Increases were recorded in metalliferous ores (+\$87m), wheat (+\$22m) and petroleum products (+\$21m). However, these increases were partly offset by decreases in coal (-\$36m) and meat (-\$22m).

Exports for the eleven months ended May 1981 increased by \$486m, a rise of 3% compared with the eleven months ended May 1980.

The main contributors to the increase were sugar (+\$515m), textile fibres (+\$274m) and machinery and transport equipment (+\$227m); offsetting decreases in metal manufactures (-\$339m) and wheat (-\$321m) were also recorded.

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 end 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. Special returns are also available for import and imports cleared for home consumption statistics.

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	March 1981	April 1981	May 1981
Meat and meat preparations (01)	100	76	95	80
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	100	96	68	82
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	100	112	205	189
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	100	119	129	118
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	100	84	89	121
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	100	111	168	143
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	168	105	165
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	84	89	85
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	100	96	113	117
Total all exports	100	94	106	111

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

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

Commodity description	1979-80 %	March 1981 %	April 1981 %	May 1981 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	9.2	7.4	8.2	6.6
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	15.3	15.8	9.9	11.4
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	3.7	4.4	7.2	6.3
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	8.5	10.8	10.4	9.1
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.2	15.5	14.5	18.9
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	8.9	10.6	14.2	11.5
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	2.3	4.1	2.3	3.4
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	10.7	9.5	9.0	8.2
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.8
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
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Section and Division	March 1981	April 1981	May 1981	Eleven months ended May	
				1980	1981
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	17,769	25,098	19,522	187,099	204,424
01 Meat and meat preparations	109,478	136,695	115,139	1,605,726	1,446,623
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	21,462	16,551	26,017	239,155	247,207
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	17,742	20,892	30,231	221,428	202,671
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	232,428	164,531	197,464	2,570,887	2,149,991
05 Vegetables and fruit	9,902	20,538	26,043	182,533	208,374
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	65,170	119,826	110,290	627,908	1,132,799
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	1,206	2,124	2,287	20,219	27,161
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	3,253	4,181	3,806	23,756	33,962
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,210	1,343	1,492	12,964	13,159
<i>Total Section 0</i>	<i>479,620</i>	<i>511,779</i>	<i>532,291</i>	<i>5,691,675</i>	<i>5,666,370</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	3,365	2,552	3,497	25,519	33,116
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,029	559	796	12,230	10,364
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>4,394</i>	<i>3,111</i>	<i>4,293</i>	<i>37,749</i>	<i>43,480</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	15,241	20,859	16,756	359,180	191,387
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	976	577	164	35,271	4,951
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	157	63	75	2,830	1,492
24 Cork and wood	9,808	18,441	19,478	156,002	195,980
25 Pulp and waste paper	126	61	124	1,212	1,871
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	159,646	172,508	158,385	1,448,685	1,722,246
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	6,921	5,984	6,928	75,025	82,506
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	228,073	240,633	328,096	2,907,381	3,025,979
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	4,202	5,454	4,729	42,673	58,585
<i>Total Section 2</i>	<i>425,150</i>	<i>464,580</i>	<i>534,735</i>	<i>5,028,260</i>	<i>5,284,996</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	156,011	236,671	200,620	1,516,309	1,739,614
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	59,844	37,398	58,690	381,012	450,370
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
<i>Total Section 3 (b)</i>	<i>215,855</i>	<i>274,069</i>	<i>259,309</i>	<i>1,897,321</i>	<i>2,189,983</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats	3,514	7,488	7,162	83,259	74,075
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	883	342	196	1,346	4,145
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	457	621	542	6,358	6,596
<i>Total Section 4</i>	<i>4,854</i>	<i>8,451</i>	<i>7,899</i>	<i>90,964</i>	<i>84,815</i>
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
51 Organic chemicals	2,340	4,766	2,370	42,512	46,154
52 Inorganic chemicals	2,942	5,780	4,001	68,054	53,137
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,263	1,318	1,685	19,288	17,508
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	6,734	7,081	7,364	62,838	73,891
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,610	3,124	2,592	26,460	28,948
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	459	171	195	5,094	4,876
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	664	122	432	5,500	4,955
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	4,978	8,462	6,229	54,152	65,883
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	4,720	4,106	5,968	62,782	71,289
<i>Total Section 5</i>	<i>26,710</i>	<i>34,931</i>	<i>30,836</i>	<i>346,680</i>	<i>366,641</i>

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

Section and Division	Eleven months ended May				
	March 1981	April 1981	May 1981	1980	1981
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	1,798	3,189	2,534	39,209	29,480
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	924	852	861	10,893	11,398
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	771	509	728	6,582	7,865
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	4,496	2,813	3,903	45,898	51,289
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	10,114	10,195	11,226	98,882	111,736
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	10,131	14,814	8,451	114,995	127,225
67 Iron and steel	49,859	36,818	44,427	561,200	472,625
68 Non-ferrous metals	77,744	98,887	85,227	1,154,182	898,606
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	12,865	14,524	13,820	145,377	150,940
<i>Total Section 6</i>	<i>166,702</i>	<i>182,600</i>	<i>171,177</i>	<i>2,177,217</i>	<i>1,861,164</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	2,170	3,633	3,313	35,393	38,278
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	11,134	21,569	17,591	142,090	180,093
73 Metalworking machinery	1,965	2,214	2,311	18,512	24,203
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	11,054	11,364	13,589	114,086	142,320
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	4,689	4,582	3,956	41,271	46,406
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,805	2,637	2,833	24,091	38,207
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)	7,988	7,199	9,421	77,170	89,723
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	10,656	15,001	16,683	145,191	166,990
79 Other transport equipment	17,087	12,456	13,917	183,223	282,241
<i>Total Section 7</i>	<i>68,548</i>	<i>80,656</i>	<i>83,613</i>	<i>781,027</i>	<i>1,008,460</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	295	486	782	4,402	5,019
82 Furniture and parts thereof	501	971	1,066	6,909	8,804
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	41	58	75	1,006	636
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,518	1,129	1,061	20,592	16,176
85 Footwear	300	428	439	3,365	4,099
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	5,761	6,848	7,837	68,778	77,160
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.: watches and clocks	7,071	7,431	7,750	75,449	88,034
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	7,756	10,198	11,553	96,606	112,415
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>23,244</i>	<i>27,549</i>	<i>30,562</i>	<i>277,108</i>	<i>312,342</i>
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	41,934	54,488	57,267	494,326	528,498
<i>Total merchandise (d)</i>	<i>1,459,012</i>	<i>1,642,214</i>	<i>1,711,983</i>	<i>16,822,328</i>	<i>17,346,750</i>
9B Non-merchandise (e)	15,163	19,208	27,242	244,433	206,082
Total exports	1,474,175	1,661,422	1,739,225	17,066,761	17,552,832

(a) Included in Division 9A. (b) Excludes Division 34. (c) Includes Division 34. (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).