

Reference No. 12.15

PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1975 (PRELIMINARY)

Preliminary estimates for August 1975 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for August for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 52 *Monthly Production Summaries* (Reference No. 12.16) and the monthly bulletin *Production Statistics* (Reference No. 12.14).

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 1975* (Reference No. 1.10) issued in July 1975.

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1974			Months 1975		
			1973-74	1974-75	June	July	Aug.	June	July	Aug.
1.	Pig iron	'000 tonnes	7,506	7,598	524	630	596	531	555	675
2.	Raw steel (a) -									
	Original	" "	7,749	8,063	527	656	651	573	593	735
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	580	631	626	628	569	717
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	6,491	6,215	489	445	540	444	441	518
4.	Tinplate	" "	327	311	28.6	34.6	30.2	22.8	24.1	24.7
5.	Gas (b)	mil. megajoules	172,694	183,019	17,339	17,777	17,592	18,276	19,102	18,783
6.	Electricity -									
	Original	mil. kWh	69,743	73,884	6,592	7,107	6,917	6,746	7,024	6,749
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	6,161	6,067	6,183	6,252	6,028	6,112
7.	Bricks, clay -									
	Original	million	2,053	1,713	168	189	167	143	154	149
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	173	171	160	145	139	147
8.	Cement, Portland -									
	Original	'000 tonnes	5,330	5,086	450	399	450	424	439	429
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	446	374	431	418	412	413
9.	Particle board	'000 cu m	426	379	37.0	39.9	33.8	37.5	41.7	36.2
10.	Plastics and synthetic resins (c)	tonne	304,184	280,819	31,491	31,970	27,334	23,069	21,909	23,189
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq m	42,297	34,537	2,787	2,963	2,809	3,222	3,481	3,552
	Acid -									
12.	Sulphuric -									
	Original	'000 tonnes	2,428	1,770	214	167	160	63	67	73
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	214	221	170	63	91	79
13.	Nitric	" "	183	174	13.3	15.8	17.0	15.6	17.0	12.0
14.	Refrigerators, domestic -									
	Original	'000	271	222	21.3	26.0	22.9	12.3	16.2	17.7
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	24.5	24.5	20.3	13.7	14.8	16.8
15.	Clothes washing machines -									
	Domestic	" "	381	315	34.3	38.5	37.9	22.3	25.6	30.6
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	" "	902	885	38.3	44.5	43.4	11.8	12.1	8.5
17.	Television sets (d) -									
	Original	" "	457	465	39.4	38.4	46.9	43.8	49.0	51.1
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	39.3	34.2	42.0	42.1	42.4	48.4

PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1975 (PRELIMINARY) — continued

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1974			Months 1975		
			1973-74	1974-75	June	July	Aug.	June	July	Aug.
18.	Electric motors —									
	Under 1 hp —									
	Original	'000	4,315	r4,219	388	466	440	294	329	328
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	421	415	388	320	283	302
19.	1 hp and over	"	274	298	28.3	33.0	29.9	17.1	13.3	15.2
20.	Internal combustion engines —									
	Petrol (e)	"	511	374	50.4	50.4	47.4	16.9	39.2	34.9
21.	Lawn mowers —									
	Petrol —									
	Rotary type	"	427	299	33.2	44.8	36.8	11.4	26.9	28.9
22.	Motor vehicles (f) —									
	Cars and station wagons	"	399	361	35.3	38.7	35.2	r31.6	33.2	31.0
23.	Utilities and panel vans	"	59.2	60.0	6.53	7.17	7.07	5.19	5.20	5.43
24.	Trucks and truck type vehicles	"	30.1	r33.2	2.67	3.05	3.65	r2.78	3.08	3.24
	Total motor vehicles —									
	Original	"	489	r457	44.6	49.1	46.1	r39.7	41.4	39.7
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	45.1	44.1	42.3	r38.3	36.6	38.6
25.	Yarn (g) —									
	Cotton	'000 kg	30,674	r24,204	2,435	2,596	2,859	r2,166	2,370	2,678
26.	Wool	"	24,585	17,992	1,901	2,182	1,843	1,683	1,923	1,884
	Woven cloth (g) —									
27.	Cotton (excl. towelling) —									
	Original	'000 sq m	49,431	r41,364	4,284	r4,373	4,759	r3,331	3,186	4,259
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	4,040	r4,094	3,993	r3,155	2,985	3,634
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing) —									
	Original	" "	11,862	r7,261	697	934	760	540	618	600
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	903	897	820	693	582	665
29.	Cellulosic fibre	" "	23,408	r16,597	1,888	1,715	1,793	1,467	1,461	1,627
30.	Synthetic fibre	" "	111,613	r84,831	10,171	11,286	9,980	r8,696	9,325	8,396
	Confectionery —									
31.	Chocolate base	'000 kg	55,957	r62,477	4,851	6,480	6,394	r5,220	6,176	5,249
32.	Other	"	62,080	r61,986	4,622	5,701	5,526	4,063	5,229	5,288
33.	Beer (excluding waste) (h) —									
	Original	mil. litres	1,901	1,957	123	130	150	135	149	142
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	161	142	162	169	165	160
34.	Tobacco and cigarettes (i) —									
	Original	'000 kg	30,720	31,729	2,571	3,285	2,998	2,324	3,105	2,817
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	2,688	2,649	2,753	2,358	2,475	2,652

(a) Includes continuous cast billets. (b) Available for issue through mains. Includes natural gas. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) Includes combination with radio etc. From July 1974 includes production of colour television sets. (e) Excludes marine inboard, motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines, but includes engines for outboard motors. (f) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (g) Includes mixture predominantly of the fibre named. (h) Includes ale and stout. (i) Source : Department of Customs and Excise.

r — Revised.

J. G. MILLER
Acting Commonwealth Statistician

Australian Bureau of Statistics
Canberra, A.C.T. 2600

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr Z. H. Klegeris on 527911 extension 5654, or in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.