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TABLE 1. SCOURED AND CARBONISED WOOL(a)
(tonnes)

Period	Sheep's or lambs' wool(b)	
	Scoured or otherwise degreased(c)	Carbonised (383.09)
	From greasy shorn wool (383.11)	
1984-85	83,546	14,746
1985-86	93,203	19,193
1986-87	110,442	19,812
1985—		
March qtr	22,555	3,455
June qtr	22,965	4,372
September qtr	19,369	4,484
December qtr	22,692	4,611
1986—		
March qtr	24,314	4,733
June qtr	26,828	5,365
September qtr	25,439	4,696
December qtr	28,776	4,945
1987—		
March qtr	28,170	4,927
June qtr	28,057	5,243
September qtr	24,150	4,981
December qtr	29,254	4,920
1988—		
March qtr	29,243	5,359
1986-87: July to Mar.	82,385	14,568
1987-88: July to Mar.	82,646	15,260

(a) Includes scoured and carbonised wool used in further processing (e.g. for production of tops). (b) Degreased, whether or not bleached or dyed in the mass. (c) Excludes scoured wool used for carbonising in the same establishment.

TABLE 2. TOPS
(tonnes)

	Of, or predominantly of				
	Sheep's or lambs' wool (classified by micron)				
Period	23 and finer (383.27,28)	24 to 27 (383.29)	28 and above (383.31)	Total	Man-made fibres (383.25)
1984-85	11,041	4,690	6,894	22,625	965
1985-86	10,768	5,321	7,509	23,598	950
1986-87	13,158	7,462	3,854	24,474	982
1987—					
March	1,317	631	409	2,357	98
April	1,068	667	199	1,934	73
May	1,319	715	347	2,381	76
June	1,230	753	189	2,172	75
July	1,073	977	293	2,343	84
August	1,117	668	216	2,002	64
September	1,432	693	248	2,373	70
October	1,128	853	149	2,131	68
November	1,105	729	263	2,096	94
December	1,148	470	123	1,740	57
1988—					
January	974	419	120	1,514	26
February	942	670	438	2,050	93
March	1,445	609	466	2,520	89
April	932	841	408	2,181	72
May	1,325	901	336	2,562	95
1986-87 : July to May	11,928	6,709	3,665	22,302	907
1987-88 : July to May	12,621	7,830	3,060	23,511	814

TABLE 3. WOOL YARN(a)
(tonnes)

Period	(cottons)		Woollen(b)		Total
	Pure(c)		Mixture(d)		
	Used in carpet manufacture (383.97)	Other (383.99)	Used in carpet manufacture (384.01)	Other (384.03)	
1984-85	8,642	1,203	5,616	1,879	17,338
1985-86	8,653	1,516	6,536	1,926	18,631
1986-87	8,194	1,584	5,845	1,858	17,481
1987—					
March	741	130	524	144	1,540
April	705	175	374	144	1,397
May	706	156	532	138	1,532
June	708	185	596	164	1,653
July	905	142	551	165	1,763
August	823	134	491	151	1,599
September	775	104	544	183	1,606
October	748	90	590	144	1,572
November	745	94	635	142	1,616
December	444	43	457	94	1,038
1988—					
January	447	58	279	64	849
February	802	105	593	110	1,611
March	796	128	601	121	1,645
April	708	120	401	86	1,316
May	840	102	636	100	1,678
1986-87 : July to May	7,486	1,399	5,249	1,695	15,828
1987-88 : July to May	8,033	1,119	5,779	1,359	16,290

TABLE 3. WOOL YARN(a)—continued
(tonnes)

Period	Worsted(e)				Total wool yarn		
	Pure(f)		Mixture(g)				
	Machine knitting (383.89)	Other (383.91)	Machine knitting (383.93)	Other (383.95)	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted(h)
1984-85	1,899	1,106	960	1,080	5,046	22,385	...
1985-86	2,092	1,159	974	944	5,169	23,800	...
1986-87	2,409	1,209	1,029	950	5,597	23,078	...
1987—							
March	215	107	87	96	505	2,045	1,824
April	168	106	99	76	449	1,846	1,988
May	212	102	89	90	494	2,026	1,966
June	188	96	95	72	451	2,104	2,003
July	239	124	122	94	578	2,340	1,979
August	232	98	67	109	488	2,087	1,993
September	242	87	54	114	516	2,122	1,888
October	259	83	57	92	509	2,081	1,924
November	196	133	70	65	464	2,079	1,951
December	176	79	60	72	387	1,424	1,615
1988—							
January	61	43	22	53	180	1,028	2,549
February	229	128	70	77	504	2,114	1,996
March	172	75	102	82	431	2,076	1,726
April	145	67	57	73	343	1,659	1,888
May	195	52	64	102	412	2,090	1,986
1986-87 : July to May	2,221	1,113	934	878	5,146	20,974	...
1987-88 : July to May	2,145	968	765	932	4,810	21,101	...

(a) Excludes elastic, elastomeric, chenille or gimped yarns. (b) Predominantly of carded sheep's or lambs' wool or carded fine animal hair. (c) Containing 95 per cent or more by weight of carded sheep's or lambs' wool. (d) Containing less than 95 per cent by weight of carded sheep's or lambs' wool. (e) Predominantly of combed sheep's or lambs' wool or combed fine animal hair. (f) Containing 95 per cent or more by weight of combed sheep's or lambs' wool. (g) Containing less than 95 per cent by weight of combed sheep's or lambs' wool. (h) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. WOOL BROADWOVEN FABRIC(a)
('000 square metres)

Period	Woolen(b)		Worsted(c)	Total	
	Pure(d) (385.09,29)	Mixture(e) (385.11,14, 31)	(385.01,03, 06,25,27)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(f)
1984-85	3,871	3,138	3,527	10,536	..
1985-86	3,788	2,866	4,488	11,142	..
1986-87	3,953	2,777	4,512	11,242	..
1987—					
March	351	227	406	984	889
April	451	218	400	1,069	1,069
May	399	194	331	923	911
June	384	189	342	915	978
July	362	165	394	921	863
August	316	176	421	913	973
September	337	219	550	1,107	1,054
October	304	217	487	1,008	884
November	289	214	463	966	870
December	182	153	440	775	679
1988—					
January	171	115	162	448	752
February	310	193	492	994	900
March	366	202	501	1,069	874
April	268	132	373	772	813
May	254	131	448	833	814
1986-87 : July to May	3,569	2,589	4,169	10,327	..
1987-88 : July to May	3,159	1,916	4,730	9,806	..

(a) Includes broadwoven pile (including tufted) and chenille fabrics. Excludes elastic and fabrics commonly used in machinery or plant. (b) Of, or predominantly of carded sheep's or lambs' wool or carded fine animal hair. (c) Of, or predominantly of combed sheep's or lambs' wool or combed fine animal hair. (d) Containing 95 per cent or more by weight of sheep's or lambs' wool. (e) Containing less than 95 per cent by weight of sheep's or lambs' wool. (f) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. COTTON YARN(a)
(tonnes)

Period	72 tex and over (383.79,81)	25 tex to 72 tex (383.83)	Less than 25 tex (383.85,87)	Total cotton yarn	
				Original	Seasonally adjusted(b)
1984-85	5,960	12,312	1,652	19,923	..
1985-86	6,805	12,150	1,546	20,501	..
1986-87	7,427	12,188	1,546	21,161	..
1987—					
March	641	1,182	136	1,960	1,787
April	673	1,208	138	2,019	2,114
May	688	1,140	118	1,945	1,626
June	649	1,164	125	1,939	1,833
July	823	1,332	139	2,294	1,875
August	680	1,198	132	2,010	1,973
September	863	1,083	146	2,091	1,848
October	806	1,339	123	2,268	2,001
November	552	982	157	1,691	1,738
December	588	857	134	1,579	1,847
1988—					
January	146	242	42	430	1,602
February	543	976	126	1,645	1,578
March	510	1,033	120	1,663	1,453
April	556	851	129	1,535	1,531
May	458	1,096	133	1,688	1,496
1986-87 : July to May	6,778	11,024	1,421	19,223	..
1987-88 : July to May	6,525	10,988	1,382	18,895	..

(a) Classified on a single yarn basis. Excludes sewing thread, elastic, elastomeric, chenille or gimped yarns. (b) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. COTTON BROADWOVEN FABRIC(a)
('000 square metres)

Period	Other than pile and chenille					Total	
	Pile (include tufted) and chenille		Containing 85% or more by weight of cotton		Containing less than 85% by weight of cotton		
	Terry(b) (385.21)	Other (385.23)	For clothing (384.91)	For other purposes (384.93)	(384.98)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)
1984-85	8,283	n.p.	19,257	4,637	n.p.	36,005	..
1985-86	8,672	n.p.	21,377	4,936	n.p.	38,508	..
1986-87	8,746	n.p.	n.p.	4,943	2,515	38,237	..
1987—							
March	747	n.p.	n.p.	508	203	3,270	3,020
April	799	n.p.	n.p.	519	232	3,866	4,130
May	868	n.p.	n.p.	445	212	3,695	3,025
June	772	n.p.	n.p.	466	215	3,341	3,013
July	949	n.p.	n.p.	590	205	4,419	3,635
August	832	n.p.	n.p.	430	163	3,739	3,344
September	857	n.p.	n.p.	366	197	3,628	3,264
October	818	n.p.	n.p.	460	267	4,061	3,588
November	650	n.p.	n.p.	413	325	3,387	3,467
December	532	n.p.	n.p.	312	264	2,582	3,404
1988—							
January	294	n.p.	n.p.	107	56	781	2,611
February	702	n.p.	n.p.	335	379	3,324	3,376
March	922	n.p.	n.p.	377	359	3,465	3,024
April	644	n.p.	n.p.	349	336	3,324	3,436
May	832	n.p.	n.p.	363	241	3,305	2,921
1986-87 : July to May	7,974	n.p.	n.p.	4,477	2,300	34,896	..
1987-88 : July to May	8,032	n.p.	n.p.	4,101	2,793	36,014	..

(a) Broadwoven fabric of, or predominantly of cotton. Excludes gauze, elastic or fabrics commonly used in machinery or plant. (b) Includes terry towelling and similar fabrics. (c) See paragraph 6. Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. DISCONTINUOUS SYNTHETIC FIBRE YARN(a)
(tonnes)

Period	Polyester		Acrylic		Other fibres		Total
	Mixed with cotton (383.46,64)	Other (incl. pure polyester) (383.51,65)	Used in carpet manufacture (383.53,67)	Other (383.55,69)	Used in carpet manufacture (383.57,71)	Other (383.59,73)	
1984-85	4,112	1,183	1,606	1,451	2,459	226	11,037
1985-86	4,305	1,249	1,357	1,053	1,414	307	9,685
1986-87	5,503	1,442	763	1,184	1,606	247	10,746
1987—							
March	513	137	n.p.	117	120	n.p.	1,016
April	572	110	n.p.	95	109	n.p.	959
May	530	97	n.p.	154	149	n.p.	1,026
June	513	120	n.p.	106	145	n.p.	972
July	624	98	72	155	113	21	1,084
August	382	89	66	106	155	6	805
September	409	105	61	98	189	14	876
October	498	103	64	130	110	20	924
November	418	102	63	122	149	33	887
December	236	63	60	98	125	21	602
1988—							
January	117	36	87	39	55	14	347
February	296	72	83	108	88	22	670
March	424	66	81	123	152	24	870
April	301	60	78	92	134	18	683
May	405	52	107	112	136	24	835
1986-87 : July to May	4,990	1,321	n.p.	1,079	1,461	n.p.	9,774
1987-88 : July to May	4,111	847	822	1,183	1,405	217	8,584

(a) Of, or predominantly of discontinuous synthetic fibres and predominantly of the fibre types named. Excludes sewing thread, elastic, elastomeric, chenille or gimped yarns.

TABLE 7. MAN-MADE FIBRES BROADWOVEN FABRIC(a)
(* 000 square metres)

	Of, or predominantly of discontinuous synthetic fibres and predominantly off(h)				
	Polyester mixed mainly or solely with				Fibres other than polyester (384.59.61.77)
Period	Cotton (384.49.63)	Viscose (384.53.71)	Wool (384.55.69)	Other fibres(c) (384.57.73)	
1984-85	26,283	15,300	4,025	1,472	6,219
1985-86	25,384	17,333	3,640	1,372	5,149
1986-87	26,054	21,682	4,100	2,095	3,233
1987—					
March	2,311	1,674	406	135	258
April	2,638	1,769	351	159	200
May	2,295	2,362	388	145	245
June	2,309	1,753	405	110	240
July	2,841	1,507	348	63	231
August	2,546	1,740	332	54	206
September	2,173	1,617	327	69	229
October	2,311	1,691	286	83	326
November	1,989	1,696	272	77	201
December	1,776	1,386	227	98	211
1988—					
January	493	349	87	23	103
February	2,198	1,851	238	105	233
March	2,380	1,623	268	111	256
April	1,950	1,406	263	116	182
May	2,335	1,421	344	171	269
1986-87 : July to May	23,749	19,929	3,694	1,985	2,993
1987-88 : July to May	22,991	16,286	2,994	971	2,445

TABLE 8. MAN-MADE FIBRES BROADWOVEN FABRIC(a)—continued
(* 000 square metres)

Period	Of, or predominantly of continuous synthetic fibres(h)				Total man-made fibres broadwoven fabric	
	Containing 85% or more by weight of continuous synthetic fibres and predominantly of				Original	Seasonally adjusted(e)
	Polyamide (384.31)	Polyester (384.32.33)	Polyolefin (384.35.36)	Other (384.38.43.44)		
1984-85	659	2,077	86,199	2,613	9,665	154,513
1985-86	361	3,536	90,080	1,830	11,798	160,482
1986-87	413	3,514	94,815	1,447	12,957	170,311
1987—						
March	49	227	8,862	96	1,244	15,366
April	40	337	7,570	96	1,208	14,368
May	29	379	8,133	110	1,269	15,150
June	25	383	9,794	92	1,223	14,047
July	51	334	9,256	113	1,082	14,239
August	58	363	9,787	121	1,301	13,788
September	51	469	8,392	145	1,187	16,509
October	53	438	8,325	120	1,491	15,457
November	49	430	8,323	109	1,166	13,414
December	23	296	8,058	81	908	12,488
1988—						
January	n.p.	154	2,198	n.p.	220	13,392
February	n.p.	385	8,998	n.p.	1,134	15,499
March	35	420	9,107	110	1,087	11,877
April	44	313	7,950	85	851	14,403
May	49	452	8,550	95	1,108	13,654
1986-87 : July to May	388	3,313	85,021	1,355	11,734	137,28
1987-88 : July to May	451	4,054	88,943	1,124	10,900	14,06

(a) Of, or predominantly of man-made fibres. Excludes elastic, tyre cord or fabrics commonly used in machinery or plant. (b) Excludes pile and chenille fabric. (c) Includes pure polyester. (d) Consists of pile (including tufted) fabric, chenille fabric and fabric of, or predominantly of, regenerated fibres. (e) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. SEWING THREAD
(tonnes)

Period	Sewing thread(b)—not put up for retail sale—of, or predominantly of	
	Cotton (384.25)	Synthetic fibres (384.21)
1984-85	301	925
1985-86	250	954
1986-87	190	742
1987—		
March	15	68
April	11	64
May	11	62
June	11	52
July	10	55
August	12	53
September	10	63
October	10	58
November	8	49
December	6	41
1988—		
January	2	22
February	7	61
March	7	53
April	6	41
May	7	59
1986-87 : July to May	180	691
1987-88 : July to May	85	554

TABLE 10. TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS(a)
('000 square metres)

Tufted piecegoods (i.e. continuous rolls)(c) of, or predominantly of		Total	
Wool or fine animal hair (386.71)	Man-made fibres (386.63)	Other (incl. tufted felt) (d)	Seasonally adjusted(e)
12,127	24,039	5,298	41,463
12,720	24,120	5,287	42,127
12,458	23,705	5,432	41,596
1987—			
March	1,100	398	3,620
April	778	380	2,960
May	1,139	466	3,825
June	1,052	496	3,447
July	1,308	532	3,940
August	1,227	465	3,661
September	1,231	430	3,612
October	1,240	439	3,961
November	1,212	452	3,726
December	629	388	2,950
1988—			
January	297	114	1,147
February	1,108	281	3,497
March	1,262	340	3,682
April	920	1,253	3,479
May	1,285	378	3,921
1986-87 : July to May	11,407	21,806	38,149
1987-88 : July to May	11,721	21,290	37,084

(a) Consisting of carpets, carpeting (excluding underfelt), floor rugs, mats and matting of, or predominantly of textile materials other than coir, sisal or other hard fibres.
 (b) Excludes elastic or elastomeric. (c) Excludes tufted felt. (d) Code numbers 386.59, 61, 75, 78, 82, 86. (e) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 11. INNERSPRING MATTRESSES
(number)

Period	N.S.W.			Vic.			Qld		
	(844.22)(a)	(844.25)(b)	(844.27)(c)	(844.22)(a)	(844.25)(b)	(844.27)(c)	(844.22)(a)	(844.25)(b)	(844.27)(c)
1984-85	122,376	64,950	36,674	117,500	63,752	46,358	42,269	28,228	17,893
1985-86	140,114	63,773	40,737	119,517	59,697	49,977	46,167	30,107	20,772
1986-87	155,825	68,659	45,318	135,235	61,850	55,041	53,304	30,829	24,411
1987—									
March qtr	28,385	15,543	10,376	26,927	15,756	11,416	9,748	5,982	4,106
June qtr	30,862	14,473	8,233	30,461	15,736	11,842	11,111	7,137	4,695
September qtr	33,537	14,318	8,548	31,836	16,504	13,959	10,179	6,941	4,383
December qtr	37,140	17,381	11,456	32,345	17,134	15,650	12,416	7,758	5,870
1986—									
March qtr	35,421	15,933	10,778	26,618	13,081	9,437	11,351	8,364	5,248
June qtr	34,016	16,141	9,955	28,718	12,978	10,931	12,221	7,044	5,271
September qtr	37,951	16,963	11,269	36,427	15,345	14,117	15,127	8,262	6,576
December qtr	38,543	18,875	11,787	36,556	16,302	15,561	12,025	9,260	6,743
1987—									
March qtr	41,993	14,888	10,030	30,948	12,552	11,285	12,779	6,076	5,307
June qtr	37,338	17,933	12,232	31,304	17,651	14,078	13,373	7,231	5,785
September qtr	42,565	17,659	12,996	33,164	18,612	14,865	16,593	9,019	7,368
December qtr	42,126	18,491	16,247	34,828	21,085	16,991	19,269	8,329	7,876
1988—									
March qtr	39,944	18,540	15,770	29,548	17,172	13,581	17,303	8,847	7,465
1986-87: July to Mar.	118,487	50,726	33,086	103,931	44,199	40,963	39,931	23,598	18,626
1987-88: July to Mar.	124,635	54,690	45,013	97,540	56,869	45,437	53,165	26,195	22,709

(a) Width of 107cm and under. (b) Width over 107cm up to and including 138cm. (c) Width over 138cm.

TABLE 11. INNERSPRING MATTRESSES—continued
(number)

Period	S.A.			W.A. and Tas.			Australia		
	(844.22)(a)	(844.25)(b)	(844.27)(c)	(844.22)(a)	(844.25)(b)	(844.27)(c)	(844.22)(a)	(844.25)(b)	(844.27)(c)
1984-85	42,761	18,642	14,129	54,766	21,796	18,610	379,672	197,368	133,664
1985-86	37,945	16,058	12,513	57,385	21,896	21,066	401,128	191,531	145,065
1986-87	33,268	9,696	7,675	58,432	21,529	23,666	436,064	192,563	156,111
1985—									
March qtr	10,633	4,161	2,888	12,919	5,619	4,544	88,612	47,061	33,330
June qtr	9,896	4,198	3,492	13,213	5,108	4,885	95,543	46,652	33,147
September qtr	10,511	4,060	3,366	13,794	5,408	4,801	99,857	47,231	35,057
December qtr	9,782	4,365	3,930	14,565	5,335	4,656	106,248	52,173	41,562
1986—									
March qtr	8,184	3,576	2,353	13,288	5,227	5,400	94,862	46,181	33,216
June qtr	9,468	4,057	2,864	15,738	5,726	6,209	100,161	45,946	35,230
September qtr	8,650	2,715	1,930	12,421	5,514	6,991	110,576	48,799	40,883
December qtr	8,765	2,609	2,134	15,247	5,484	5,594	111,136	52,530	41,819
1987—									
March qtr	7,714	2,223	1,856	17,346	5,630	5,471	110,780	41,369	33,949
June qtr	8,139	2,149	1,755	13,418	4,901	5,610	103,572	49,865	39,460
September qtr	7,657	2,162	2,348	13,679	4,959	5,221	113,658	52,411	42,798
December qtr	6,675	2,092	2,045	15,945	4,999	8,023	118,843	54,996	51,182
1988—									
March qtr	6,756	1,983	1,740	14,751	4,797	6,216	108,302	51,339	44,772
1986-87: July to Mar.	25,129	7,547	5,920	45,014	16,628	18,056	332,492	142,698	116,651
1987-88: July to Mar.	21,088	6,237	6,133	44,375	14,755	19,460	340,803	158,746	138,752

(a) Width of 107cm and under. (b) Width over 107cm up to and including 138cm. (c) Width over 138cm.

TABLE 12. MATTRESS SUPPORTS(a)
(number)

Period	N.S.W.			Sprung			Qld.		
	(844.11)(b)	(844.13)(c)	(844.16)(d)	(844.11)(b)	(844.13)(c)	(844.16)(d)	(844.11)(b)	(844.13)(c)	(844.16)(d)
1984-85	50,442	41,626	31,992	39,769	41,552	34,689	23,469	20,464	17,508
1985-86	49,089	38,083	34,681	51,284	38,701	38,319	24,117	21,495	20,734
1986-87	55,192	38,060	34,720	50,806	33,301	41,500	26,572	20,547	20,031
1985—									
March qtr	11,913	9,938	7,982	8,601	9,154	8,184	5,570	4,723	4,228
June qtr	10,545	9,236	7,291	10,179	10,559	8,965	5,964	4,666	4,437
September qtr	11,953	9,151	7,870	14,197	10,932	10,400	5,581	4,689	4,467
December qtr	13,470	10,630	9,785	15,390	11,666	12,030	7,087	5,749	5,584
1986—									
March qtr	11,831	9,420	8,695	10,291	7,674	7,475	5,470	6,252	5,263
June qtr	11,835	8,882	8,331	11,406	8,429	8,414	5,979	4,805	5,420
September qtr	13,450	9,936	9,402	13,819	8,860	10,449	6,641	5,968	5,967
December qtr	13,304	9,125	8,061	14,557	9,742	12,358	6,819	5,954	4,449
1987—									
March qtr	15,870	9,596	9,258	10,770	6,847	8,733	6,174	3,983	4,685
June qtr	12,568	9,403	7,999	11,660	7,852	9,960	6,938	4,642	4,930
September qtr	12,968	7,892	8,044	11,908	7,712	10,271	7,663	6,385	6,634
December qtr	13,806	10,339	12,713	13,848	9,012	11,577	8,971	5,895	7,224
1988—									
March qtr	13,145	8,861	9,862	11,068	6,573	8,989	8,641	5,761	6,596
1986-87: July to Mar.	42,624	28,657	26,721	39,146	25,449	31,540	19,634	15,905	15,101
1987-88: July to Mar.	39,919	27,092	30,619	36,824	23,297	30,837	25,275	18,041	20,454

(a) Excludes mattress supports made of rubber. (b) Width of 107cm and under. (c) Width over 107 cm up to and including 138 cm. (d) Width over 138 cm.

TABLE 12. MATTRESS SUPPORTS(a)—continued
(number)

Period	Sprung—continued								
	S.A.			Other States(b)			Australia		
	(844.11)(c)	(844.13)(d)	(844.16)(e)	(844.11)(c)	(844.13)(d)	(844.16)(e)	(844.11)(c)	(844.13)(d)	(844.16)(e)
1984-85	..	..	..	31,745	25,890	27,138	145,425	129,532	111,127
1985-86	..	..	..	34,216	26,580	27,255	158,706	124,859	120,989
1986-87	(f)6,559	(f)3,861	(f)4,210	(g)23,970	(g)17,394	(g)18,499	163,099	113,163	118,959
1985—	Not available separately prior to December quarter 1986			7,720	6,010	6,025	33,804	29,825	26,419
March qtr				8,708	6,193	6,785	35,396	30,654	27,478
June qtr				8,253	7,040	7,161	39,984	31,812	29,898
September qtr				9,045	7,012	7,210	44,992	35,057	34,609
December qtr									
1986—									
March qtr				8,380	6,066	6,097	35,972	29,412	27,530
June qtr				8,538	6,462	6,787	37,758	28,578	28,952
September qtr				7,714	5,530	5,447	41,624	30,294	31,265
December qtr	2,355	1,403	1,529	5,856	4,260	4,482	42,891	30,484	30,879
1987—									
March qtr	2,215	1,321	1,500	5,755	3,879	4,194	40,784	25,626	28,370
June qtr	1,989	1,137	1,181	4,645	3,725	4,375	37,800	26,759	28,445
September qtr	2,408	1,451	1,795	5,664	3,214	4,140	40,551	26,654	30,884
December qtr	2,735	1,484	1,695	5,390	3,971	6,679	44,750	30,701	39,888
1988—									
March qtr	2,134	1,066	1,329	5,237	3,863	5,533	40,225	26,124	32,309
1986-87: July to Mar.	(f)4,570	(f)2,724	(f)3,029	(g)19,325	(g)13,669	(g)14,123	125,299	86,404	90,514
1987-88: July to Mar.	7,277	4,001	4,819	16,231	11,048	16,352	125,526	83,479	103,081

TABLE 12. MATTRESS SUPPORTS(a)—continued
(number)

Period	Woven wire link mesh and wire spring (482.83,84.85)
1984-85	94,536
1985-86	73,154
1986-87	72,240
1985—	
March qtr	22,464
June qtr	25,258
September qtr	18,837
December qtr	19,621
1986—	
March qtr	14,632
June qtr	20,064
September qtr	14,970
December qtr	19,539
1987—	
March qtr	18,785
June qtr	18,946
September qtr	n.p.
December qtr	n.p.
1988—	
March qtr	n.p.
1986-87: July to Mar.	53,294
1987-88: July to Mar.	n.p.

TABLE 13. WATER MATTRESSES(b)
(number)

	Up to and including 107 cm wide (844.31)	Exceeding 107 cm wide (844.38)
1984-85		
1985-86	6,603	60,741
1986-87	5,065	52,223
1985—		
March qtr	..	..
June qtr	..	..
September qtr	1,810	13,599
December qtr	1,725	15,576
1986—		
March qtr	1,520	16,022
June qtr	1,548	15,544
September qtr	1,635	14,546
December qtr	1,322	15,094
1987—		
March qtr	1,057	9,510
June qtr	1,051	13,073
September qtr	1,499	10,463
December qtr	1,191	9,234
1988—		
March qtr		
1986-87: July to Mar.	1,631	10,177
1987-88: July to Mar.	4,014	39,150
	4,321	29,874

(a) Excludes mattress supports made of rubber. (b) Includes S.A. Prior to December quarter 1986. (c) Width of 107 cm and under. (d) Width of over 107 cm up to and including 138 cm. (e) Width over 138 cm. (f) Excludes September quarter 1986. (g) Excludes S.A. from December quarter 1986. (h) Not collected prior to September quarter 1985.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication is one of a series of eight containing monthly and quarterly production statistics. The titles of the other publications of this series are shown in paragraph 7 below.

2. Data contained in these publications are mostly based on monthly or quarterly collections conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Where another authority is the source this is indicated in a footnote.

Classification

3. Most items are identified by the commodity codes used in Australian manufacturing statistics. However, in cases where data are derived from sources other than ABS collections no commodity code is shown. In general, where items are combined they have been arranged so as to align production data with import and export commodity items in accordance with the Australian Standard Commodity Classification (ASCC). For further information regarding the ASCC, see the ABS publication *Australian Standard Commodity Classification, Part I: Introduction, Summary Classification and Commodity Keys* (1207.0).

Scope and coverage

4. Manufacturing commodity statistics collected by the ABS exclude details relating to single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed and production of establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on, in a minor way, some manufacturing. However, except for a few commodities the effect on production levels and movements is marginal.

5. Annual figures shown in this publication are derived by aggregating monthly/quarterly production and relate to production during the year ended 30 June. They may differ from annual manufacturing census data which relate to the census year and, in the case of businesses unable to report on a June year basis include details in respect of substitute accounting periods.

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6. This publication contains seasonally adjusted statistics of several items. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of 'working-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. However, care should be exercised in interpreting the figures for those months in which Christmas/New Year and Easter holidays fall as some manufacturers vary holiday shutdowns in the light of prevailing demand for their products. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are available on request.

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