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MAIN FEATURES

July exports fell by \$115m to \$1,685m, a decrease of 6% compared with June 1980.

Major contributors to this decrease were cereal grains (\$106m), coal (\$38m) and metalliferous ores (\$29m).

Increases occurred in sugar (\$30m) and metal manufactures (\$33m).

In seasonally adjusted terms, total exports were 9% lower than in June 1980.

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 1979-80 and 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 period in question covering all shipment during that period. All other exporters are required to report each individual shipment prior to the ship's departure. Approximately 60% of monthly export values are recorded on periodic returns. The statistical month for Customs outports (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 fob Australian port of shipment equivalent of the actual price paid to the exporter. Goods shipped on consignment are valued at the fob 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.

Commodity classification

6. 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.

Merchandise and non-merchandise exports

7. Total exports are divided into merchandise and non-merchandise in accordance with international standards recommended by the United Nations. Merchandise exports are the equivalent of total exports less certain items specified as non-merchandise. A description of non-merchandise items is contained in the AECC.

Seasonal adjustment

8. In carrying out seasonal adjustment of export statistics, account is taken not only of seasonal factors but also of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, etc in the month) and the influence of Easter, which may affect figures for different months in different years. Details of the

methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). The statistics may also be subject to large irregular influences which are not removed by seasonal adjustment and may be affected by changes in the composition of exports. For these reasons care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements.

Revision to previous figures

9. 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

10. 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.

Treatment of confidential data

11. For confidentiality reasons it is necessary to restrict the release of statistics of certain exported

commodities. These restrictions do not affect the total exports figures but they can affect statistics at all levels of the Australian Export Commodity Classification.

Related publications

12. 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

13. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

14. 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 1978-79	May 1980	June 1980	July 1980
Meat and meat preparations (01)	100	106	87	97
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	100	227	328	219
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	100	147	188	264
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	100	100	129	130
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	100	131	163	149
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	100	97	135	105
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	132	173	103
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	116	123	149
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	100	145	135	152
Total all exports				
Original	100	130	152	142
Seasonally adjusted	100	124	148	135

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

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

Commodity description	1978-79 %	May 1980 %	June 1980 %	July 1980 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	12.0	9.8	6.9	8.2
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	8.2	14.5	17.8	12.7
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	3.3	3.7	4.0	6.1
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	10.3	7.9	8.8	9.4
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.4	17.6	18.7	18.3
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	10.8	8.0	9.6	8.0
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	2.2	2.3	2.5	1.6
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	10.6	9.5	8.6	11.1
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.7	5.3	4.2	5.1
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
\$'000

Section and Division	April 1980	May 1980	June 1980	July	
				1979	1980
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD -					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	18,013	17,593	22,617	14,399	15,703
01 Meat and meat preparations	106,202	150,816	123,742	142,434	137,737
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	18,463	22,524	19,989	25,159	27,871
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	20,292	23,744	20,715	20,510	17,039
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	265,886	222,400	320,516	175,994	214,210
05 Vegetables and fruit	20,719	26,887	28,310	31,229	26,270
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	50,898	56,844	72,515	43,816	102,108
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2,292	1,531	2,225	1,968	2,941
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1,691	2,545	1,986	2,277	2,372
09 Misc. edible products and preparations	1,013	1,009	1,213	1,551	1,006
Total Section 0	505,467	525,892	613,829	459,336	547,255
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,759	2,502	2,551	2,290	3,376
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	413	784	1,069	1,119	958
Total Section 1	2,172	3,286	3,620	3,408	4,334
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	26,297	22,393	18,255	41,668	19,739
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	303	332	313	5,189	854
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	144	233	74	490	202
24 Cork and wood	20,939	15,587	14,580	18,583	16,992
25 Pulp and waste paper	118	285	204	139	659
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	143,974	121,941	157,848	107,217	158,511
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	6,639	8,188	7,295	6,063	8,460
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	305,179	270,590	337,373	228,621	308,194
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3,718	3,333	4,588	4,402	5,619
Total Section 2	507,311	442,883	540,532	412,372	519,231
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	150,980	123,617	172,464	113,074	134,484
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	19,926	34,680	45,591	30,570	26,993
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total Section 3 (b)	170,907	158,297	218,055	143,644	161,477
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES -					
41 Animal oils and fats	2,759	4,339	8,083	9,968	7,783
42 Fixed, vegetable oils and fats	42	130	137	111	496
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	800	966	532	580	861
Total Section 4	3,601	5,435	8,751	10,659	9,140
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S. -					
51 Organic chemicals	1,716	4,651	3,611	2,709	6,690
52 Inorganic chemicals	5,341	12,485	6,038	3,830	13,432
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,596	1,690	2,361	1,867	3,459
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	4,909	5,619	7,357	6,153	9,561
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,310	2,980	2,327	2,419	2,919
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	459	1,146	392	273	711
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	148	921	365	1,308	427
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	4,869	5,077	5,043	4,894	6,243
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	4,415	5,107	5,502	7,110	4,814
Total Section 5	25,763	39,676	32,997	30,562	48,256

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - *continued*
\$'000

Section and Division	April 1980	May 1980	June 1980	July	
				1979	1980
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	4,010	2,872	3,618	4,232	2,468
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	913	1,033	913	1,952	1,421
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	773	784	842	582	1,123
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	5,266	6,175	4,668	3,862	7,369
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	7,399	9,698	9,845	9,494	10,606
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	11,454	12,392	9,380	9,839	14,308
67 Iron and steel	67,279	50,256	44,337	55,946	67,368
68 Non-ferrous metals	108,963	83,192	96,067	100,143	105,155
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	14,278	11,851	13,902	13,855	14,303
Total Section 6	220,336	178,252	183,572	199,905	224,121
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	2,761	2,808	3,644	3,054	4,529
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	10,914	11,424	14,252	13,219	16,386
73 Metalworking machinery	1,433	1,871	1,932	1,856	2,688
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	10,313	11,994	12,523	9,236	14,150
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	3,959	5,517	5,084	2,708	4,028
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,768	2,754	3,093	2,417	2,800
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)	6,327	7,294	7,686	7,246	10,122
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	14,334	11,003	14,650	16,861	15,177
79 Other transport equipment	23,905	26,932	12,781	16,227	15,432
Total Section 7	75,713	81,596	75,645	72,822	85,311
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	394	409	447	426	398
82 Furniture and parts thereof	594	734	850	561	937
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	52	79	84	58	83
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,788	2,285	1,940	1,796	1,599
85 Footwear	399	393	502	343	477
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	7,051	6,564	7,011	5,864	9,038
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	7,803	7,308	7,620	7,370	8,909
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	8,066	10,174	12,512	7,552	10,144
Total Section 8	26,147	27,945	30,967	23,971	31,585
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	63,011	51,674	70,125	31,007	37,892
Total merchandise (d)	1,600,427	1,514,936	1,778,092	1,387,686	1,668,603
9B Non-merchandise (e)	19,709	22,534	21,257	11,788	15,962
Total exports					
Original	1,620,136	1,537,469	1,799,349	1,399,474	1,684,565
Seasonally adjusted	1,585,105	1,470,179	1,763,117	1,383,714	1,600,552

(a) Included in Division 9A. See paragraph 11 of explanatory notes. (b) Excludes Division 34. See paragraph 11 of explanatory notes. (c) Includes Division 34. See paragraph 11 of explanatory notes. (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).