

CURRENT BUILDING STATISTICS

For your information I am showing below tables relating to the output of building materials and progress in house construction throughout Australia.

The figures are intended to give you some indication of trends of production in the building industry. I hope they will be of some interest and value to you.

All figures are tentative and subject to revision. Caution should be used when making a comparison between houses built and individual items of building materials and fittings produced unless proper allowance is made for the needs of buildings other than houses, and for replacements and extensions of services.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES
(Including houses built by Owner-Builders)

Period	<u>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</u>			<u>AUSTRALIA</u>		
	Commenced During Period	Completed During Period	Under Construction at end of Period	Commenced During Period	Completed During Period	Under Construction at end of Period
<u>Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone</u>						
<u>Year Ended:</u>						
30th June, 1949	279	148	375	22,374	19,973	23,814
30th June, 1950	282	183	473	22,958	19,995	26,757
<u>Quarter Ended:</u>						
30th Sept., 1949	50	42	383	4,542	5,099	23,286
30th June, 1950	84	56	473	6,322	4,965	26,757
30th Sept., 1950	51	90	433	6,922	5,384	28,239
<u>Wood (Weatherboard etc.)</u>						
<u>Year Ended:</u>						
30th June, 1949	70	74	118	18,273	16,295	13,294
30th June, 1950	100	108	110	26,352	19,912	19,810
<u>Quarter Ended:</u>						
30th Sept., 1949	31	11	138	6,443	4,494	15,251
30th June, 1950	16	41	110	7,088	5,593	19,810
30th Sept., 1950	70	49	132	7,947	6,311	21,507
<u>Fibro Cement</u>						
<u>Year Ended:</u>						
30th June, 1949	185	101	203	16,697	14,504	14,980
30th June, 1950	7	113	95	18,160	14,846	18,286
<u>Quarter Ended:</u>						
30th Sept., 1949	4	30	176	4,009	3,409	15,577
30th June, 1950	1	38	95	4,765	4,162	18,286
30th Sept., 1950	1	37	59	5,472	4,376	19,374
<u>Other</u>						
<u>Year Ended:</u>						
30th June, 1949	-	-	-	582	567	554
30th June, 1950	-	-	-	822	732	655
<u>Quarter Ended:</u>						
30th Sept., 1949	-	-	-	177	222	511
30th June, 1950	-	-	-	193	153	655
30th Sept., 1950	-	-	-	172	146	672
<u>Total All Houses</u>						
<u>Year Ended:</u>						
30th June, 1949	534	323	696	57,926	51,339	52,642
30th June, 1950	389	404	678	68,292	55,485	65,508
<u>Quarter Ended:</u>						
30th Sept., 1949	85	83	697	15,171	13,224	54,625
30th June, 1950	101	135	678	18,368	14,873	65,508
30th Sept., 1950	122	176	624	20,513	16,217	69,792

ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, 1947-50 : AUSTRALIA

Item	Unit	Year ended 30th June			
		1947	1948	1949	1950
Building Materials					
Bricks	.. '000	497,288	577,866	617,391	582,388
Cement Building Sheets	.. '000 sq.yds.	19,317	19,595	18,559	18,997
Cement, Portland	.. '000 tons	882	1,013	1,031	1,159
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	.. '000 sq.yds.	9,063	11,719	13,234	12,156
Roofing Tiles - Terra Cotta	.. '000	37,417	41,790	44,162	43,676
Cement	.. "	6,735	20,268	28,294	38,928
Sawn Native Timber (a)	.. Mill.sup.ft.	1,047	1,117	1,184	1,220
Building Fittings					
Basins - C.I.P.E.	.. No.	34,318	47,276	53,988	41,264
Earthenware	.. "	23,724	26,901	26,407	28,077
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	.. "	72,621	60,023	68,184	70,721
Gas	.. "	33,961	41,509	32,954	21,411
Baths - C.I.P.E.	.. "	44,356	54,636	64,490	58,586
Coppers - Solid Fuel	.. "	81,794	83,026	93,625	105,105
Gas	.. "	26,457	33,034	43,229	35,510
Pans - Earthenware	.. "	75,399	75,800	85,440	84,215
Sinks - C.I.P.E.	.. "	39,509	41,461	36,998	23,212
Earthenware	.. "	2,544	2,404	1,328	757
Stainless Steel	.. "	(b)	72,721	72,049	90,091
Stoves - Solid Fuel	.. "	43,545	53,257	61,434	61,847
Gas	.. "	27,171	41,690	49,556	45,537
Electric	.. "	10,726	30,387	41,931	33,179

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Not available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS : AUSTRALIA

Item	Unit	1950					
		April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
<u>Building Materials</u>							
Bricks ..	'000	(a) 46,491	(a) 60,671	(a) 51,064	51,104	61,115	57,820
Cement Building Sheets ..	'000 sq.yds.	1,690	1,951	1,724	1,775	1,855	(o)
Cement, Portland ..	'000 tons	97.8	120.2	111.5	103.3	105.3	113.4
Fibrous Plaster Sheets ..	'000 sq.yds.	(a) 1,004	(a) 1,228	(a) 1,151	1,109	1,169	1,160
Roofing Tiles - Terra-Cotta ..	'000	3,451	4,344	3,451	3,470	3,843	3,953
Cement ..	"	3,550	4,136	3,866	3,917	4,231	4,205
Sawn Native Timber (b) ..	Mill.sup.ft.	(a) 93.4	107.7	103.6	96.1	(c)	(c)
<u>Building Fittings</u>							
Basins - C.I.P.E. ..	No.	3,221	5,049	5,119	4,438	4,258	4,061
Earthenware ..	"	2,525	3,314	3,413	3,068	3,597	3,650
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel ..	"	2,206	8,196	8,959	7,033	5,886	6,161
Gas ..	"	1,827	2,313	2,135	2,464	3,694	2,458
Baths - C.I.P.E. ..	"	5,273	6,236	5,709	5,600	6,417	6,276
Coppers - Solid Fuel ..	"	8,669	14,751	10,736	11,944	9,843	11,035
Gas ..	"	2,561	3,784	3,316	3,080	4,099	4,259
Pans - Earthenware ..	"	6,902	9,253	7,089	8,303	8,149	8,227
Sinks - C.I.P.E. ..	"	1,407	3,346	2,520	2,547	2,591	1,895
Earthenware ..	"	42	15	92	82	60	112
Stainless Steel ..	"	7,209	10,708	9,723	9,923	10,519	9,736
Stoves - Solid Fuel ..	"	5,100	6,470	5,730	6,273	6,894	6,546
Gas ..	"	3,814	4,967	4,076	4,186	4,486	4,339
Electric ..	"	2,653	3,845	3,754	3,057	4,143	3,817

(a) Revised. (b) Includes Sawn Sleepers. (c) Not yet available.

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