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 PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 2 : CHEMICALS, ETC.
 MARCH 1973

Annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. Production figures for Northern Territory are included. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. 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 this and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1972* (Ref. No. 1.10).

Period	Acids (in terms of 100% acid)							
	Hydrochloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Chlorine (405.82)	Sodium Hydroxide (100%) (caustic soda) (407.88)	Sulphate of ammonia (405.36)	Superphosphate (b)
			Original (401.57)	Seas.adj.(a)				
	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	tons	'000 tons
1969-70	35,483	124,725	1,752	--	88,567	111,107	114,085	3,598
1970-71	42,524	117,976	1,586	--	91,928	117,788	174,206	3,066
1971-72	47,896	143,918	1,722	--	101,206	130,102	187,777	3,638
1972 -								
February	4,203	5,759	131	121	9,524	12,414	11,956	243
March	4,021	8,065	128	117	7,915	9,905	14,585	380
April	4,131	17,151	182	170	9,054	11,539	20,259	423
May	4,240	19,788	182	176	7,935	10,197	21,638	471
June	3,439	9,034	175	216	8,135	10,148	15,954	347
July	3,323	8,399	123	182	8,068	9,821	17,884	194
August	4,357	14,451	145	156	7,694	9,906	18,820	309
September	4,001	11,784	161	142	9,822	11,744	19,420	333
October	5,151	15,261	192	183	8,749	9,953	21,931	345
November	3,563	13,178	170	166	8,443	10,110	20,779	359
December	3,138	14,449	199	189	8,244	10,268	19,366	406
1973 -								
January	4,089	8,655	211	195	9,411	11,878	19,212	416
February	2,550	12,710	196	189	5,553	6,713	15,592	443
March	972	12,525	193	175	4,275	4,860	15,081	449
1971-72 : July to March	36,086	97,945	1,183	--	76,082	98,218	129,926	2,397
1972-73 : July to March	31,144	111,412	1,590	--	70,259	85,253	168,085	3,252

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Prior to April 1972 monthly figures supplied by Department of Primary Industry. Code numbers 415.07 and 405.25. Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent.


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