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Main Features

- The total quantity of logs processed in the March quarter 1985 was 260,786 cubic metres, using the gross volume measure. This was 17 per cent less than the volume processed during the December quarter 1984, and 6 per cent less than the volume recorded for the March quarter 1984.
- Plywood, veneer, etc. mills treated 56,537 cubic metres in the March quarter 1985. This was 17 per cent less than the volume treated in the December quarter 1984, and 6 per cent less than the volume treated in the March quarter 1984.
- Logs processed from native forests totalled 194,630 cubic metres, or 75 per cent of the production, with plantation logs (66,156 cubic metres) supplying the remaining 25 per cent.

Explanatory Notes

This publication has been compiled, in co-operation with the State Forestry Department, from returns lodged by the proprietors of all mills licensed under the "Sawmills Licensing Act 1936-1979". The figures exclude details of some smaller type operations which do not produce timber for sale.

The gross volume measure has been used in reporting cubic metres of logs processed. The gross volume measure is based on the external dimensions of the log with no allowance being made for defects.

Statistical Divisions

For statistical purposes local authority areas, as defined under the "Local Government Act 1936-1985", are grouped into statistical divisions.

Related Publications

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

- "Census of Manufacturing Establishments: Summary of Operations by Industry Class" (8202.3)
- "Census of Manufacturing Establishments: Details of Operations by Industry" (8203.3)
- "Manufacturing Commodities: Principal Articles Produced" (8301.3)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the "Catalogue of Publications" (Catalogue No. 1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.

Unpublished Statistics

The ABS can also make available certain sawmill statistics which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required statistics by telephone, they may be available in other forms, such as photocopy, computer printout, or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished statistics in these forms.

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Symbols and Other Usages

- Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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Table 1 - Log Timber Processed: Species by Type of Mill, Queensland, 1981-82 to March Quarter 1985
(cubic metres)

Species	Year			Quarter					
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1983	1984			1985	
				Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March
Sawmills									
Australian grown									
Native forests									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	33,908	25,385	29,205	5,654	6,300	9,249	7,304	8,462	7,160
Cypress ..	185,936	120,207	136,576	33,866	33,887	37,542	42,499	42,145	36,920
Other ..	1,467	3,570	1,340	564	203	248	659	1,944	751
Forest hardwoods ..	527,458	491,391	469,453	116,764	111,798	117,211	120,415	120,668	100,638
Rain-forest structural timbers	70,372	60,652	58,933	15,067	14,373	14,171	15,747	14,839	11,615
Cabinetwoods									
Prime ..	15,844	17,725	16,493	5,623	3,259	2,976	4,629	3,984	3,894
Miscellaneous ..	32,756	25,583	27,229	8,412	5,919	5,931	8,358	8,423	5,824
Plantations									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	93,183	70,786	82,867	17,615	16,035	27,675	21,714	18,679	15,308
Other ..	119,832	73,692	101,756	22,889	25,341	29,460	34,343	26,701	22,139
Non-coniferous ..	430	250	136	105	31	-	64	121	-
Imported ..	103	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ..	1,081,289	889,252	923,988	226,559	217,146	244,463	255,732	245,966	204,249
Plywood, Veneer, etc. Mills (a)									
Australian grown									
Native forests									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	8,786	5,379	7,289	2,589	1,083	1,365	1,359	1,042	636
Cypress ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other ..	217	173	96	21	-	40	-	8	-
Forest hardwoods ..	86,584	67,157	97,846	26,290	25,554	22,535	21,393	22,438	22,584
Rain-forest structural timbers	9,471	7,543	5,064	1,048	1,406	846	1,138	1,467	890
Cabinetwoods									
Prime ..	17,623	11,566	11,346	2,387	2,709	2,914	3,657	2,129	1,276
Miscellaneous ..	23,710	18,620	16,526	4,224	4,535	3,020	2,931	3,925	2,442
Plantations									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	23,792	11,085	10,675	1,909	2,971	3,760	4,963	3,778	3,964
Other ..	89,003	74,621	114,272	26,567	21,672	40,569	32,147	33,048	24,745
Non-coniferous ..	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported ..	1,017	558	73	-	-	48	53	-	-
Total ..	260,245	196,702	263,187	65,035	59,930	75,097	67,641	67,835	56,537
Total									
Australian grown									
Native forests									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	42,694	30,764	36,494	8,243	7,383	10,614	8,663	9,504	7,796
Cypress ..	185,936	120,207	136,576	33,866	33,887	37,542	42,499	42,145	36,920
Other ..	1,684	3,743	1,436	585	203	288	659	1,952	751
Forest hardwoods ..	614,042	558,548	567,299	143,054	137,352	139,746	141,608	143,106	123,222
Rain-forest structural timbers	79,843	68,195	63,997	16,115	15,779	15,017	16,885	16,306	12,505
Cabinetwoods									
Prime ..	33,467	29,291	27,839	8,010	5,968	5,890	8,286	6,113	5,170
Miscellaneous ..	56,466	44,203	43,755	12,636	10,454	8,951	11,289	12,348	8,266
Plantations									
Conifers									
Hoop, bunya, and kauri ..	116,975	81,871	93,542	19,524	19,006	31,435	26,677	22,457	19,272
Other ..	208,835	148,313	216,028	49,456	47,013	70,029	66,490	59,749	46,884
Non-coniferous ..	472	250	136	105	31	-	64	121	-
Imported ..	1,120	569	73	-	-	48	53	-	-
Total ..	1,341,534	1,085,954	1,187,175	291,594	277,076	319,560	323,373	313,801	260,786

(a) Including logs processed by mills for the production of wood pulp, wood-wool, fibre board, and particle board.

Table 2 - Log Timber Processed and Sawn Timber Produced: Species by Statistical Divisions, Queensland, March Quarter 1985

Species	Statistical division											Total Queens- land
	Bris- bane	Moreton	Wide Bay- Burnett	Darling Downs	South- West	Fitzroy	Cent- ral- West	Mackay	North- ern	Far North	North- West	
Log Timber Processed												
Australian grown	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m
Native forests												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri	2,890	3,717	841	85	-	-	-	168	50	45	-	7,796
Cypress	74	52	3	20,168	16,099	524	-	-	-	-	-	36,920
Other	-	138	-	607	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	751
Forest hardwoods	28,691	28,310	33,765	8,194	1,585	11,659	-	6,924	2,851	1,243	-	123,222
Rain-forest struc- tural timbers	208	20	46	465	-	-	-	871	804	10,091	-	12,505
Cabinetwoods												
Prime	-	13	2	-	-	-	-	193	931	4,031	-	5,170
Miscellaneous	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	600	1,632	6,029	-	8,266
Plantations												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri	3,613	1,107	10,181	3,134	-	497	-	-	-	740	-	19,272
Other	23,813	4,929	12,991	3,270	-	1,658	-	-	72	151	-	46,884
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	59,289	38,286	57,834	35,923	17,684	14,338	-	8,756	6,340	22,336	-	260,786
Proportion of Species Processed by Statistical Division												
Australian grown	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Native forests												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri	37.1	47.7	10.8	1.1	-	-	-	2.2	0.6	0.6	-	100.0
Cypress	0.2	0.1	-	54.6	43.6	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other	-	18.4	-	80.8	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	100.0
Forest hardwoods	23.3	23.0	27.4	6.6	1.3	9.5	-	5.6	2.3	1.0	-	100.0
Rain-forest struc- tural timbers	1.7	0.2	0.4	3.7	-	-	-	7.0	6.4	80.7	-	100.0
Cabinetwoods												
Prime	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	18.0	78.0	-	100.0
Miscellaneous	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	7.3	19.7	72.9	-	100.0
Plantations												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri	18.7	5.7	52.8	16.3	-	2.6	-	-	-	3.8	-	100.0
Other	50.8	10.5	27.7	7.0	-	3.5	-	-	0.2	0.3	-	100.0
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	22.7	14.7	22.2	13.8	6.8	5.5	-	3.4	2.4	8.6	-	100.0
Sawn Timber Produced (a)												
Australian grown	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m	cu m
Native forests												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri	1,457	2,051	503	50	-	-	-	76	-	5	-	4,142
Cypress	38	24	1	8,203	6,357	207	-	-	-	-	-	14,830
Other	-	70	-	277	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	350
Forest hardwoods	2,740	11,275	13,898	3,399	635	4,904	-	2,756	1,489	539	-	41,635
(b)												
Rain-forest struc- tural timbers	97	9	23	171	-	-	-	351	171	3,358	-	4,180
Cabinetwoods												
Prime	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	93	124	1,387	-	1,611
Miscellaneous	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	266	244	1,652	-	2,164
Plantations												
Conifers												
Hoop, bunya, and kauri	-	563	4,370	1,259	-	273	-	-	-	132	-	6,597
Other	220	1,650	5,799	1,412	-	628	-	-	28	52	-	9,789
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,552	15,648	24,597	14,771	6,992	6,012	-	3,542	2,056	7,128	-	85,298

(a) From sawmills only. In addition, ply and veneer mills produced 224,683 square metres of sliced veneers and 3,663,097 square metres (1 mm basis) of rotary veneers. (b) Including 4,342 cubic metres of railway sleepers.

Table 3 - Log Timber Processed: Species by Type and Capacity of Mill, Queensland, March Quarter 1985
(cubic metres)

Species	Sawmills with quarterly licensed capacity (cubic metres) of			Plywood, veneer, etc. mills	Total
	Under 900	900 and under 2,700	2,700 and over		
Australian grown					
Native forests					
Conifers: Hoop, bunya, and kauri	323	2,978	3,859	636	7,796
Cypress	5,188	18,333	13,399	-	36,920
Other	524	227	-	-	751
Forest hardwoods	19,262	29,315	52,061	22,584	123,222
Rain-forest structural timbers ..	308	1,637	9,670	890	12,505
Cabinetwoods: Prime	304	170	3,420	1,276	5,170
Miscellaneous	717	652	4,455	2,442	8,266
Plantations					
Conifers: Hoop, bunya, and kauri	13	1,097	14,198	3,964	19,272
Other	251	8,049	13,839	24,745	46,884
Non-coniferous	-	-	-	-	-
Imported	-	-	-	-	-
Total	26,890	62,458	114,901	(a) 56,537	260,786

(a) Including 45,899 cubic metres of logs processed by mills for the production of wood pulp, wood-wool, fibre board, and particle board.

Table 4 - Number of Mills Operating in Statistical Divisions by Type and Capacity of Mill, Queensland,
March Quarter 1985

Statistical division	Sawmills with quarterly licensed capacity (cubic metres) of			Plywood, veneer, etc. mills	Total
	Under 900	900 and under 2,700	2,700 and over		
Brisbane	14	2	3	7	26
Moreton	33	18	8	2	61
Wide Bay-Burnett	20	14	16	-	50
Darling Downs	20	20	10	-	50
South-west	4	11	2	-	17
Fitzroy	12	6	5	-	23
Central-West	-	-	-	-	-
Mackay	7	6	5	-	18
Northern	6	3	1	2	12
Far North	17	10	10	6	43
North-West	-	-	-	-	-
Total Queensland	133	90	60	17	300

Australian Grown Log Timber Processed by Species, Queensland, March Quarter 1985
('000 cubic metres)

