



EXPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1981 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

February 1981 exports fell by \$92m to \$1,578m, a decrease of 5.5% compared with January 1981.

Decreases were recorded in meat (-\$64m), metalliferous ores (-\$43m), textile fibres (-\$32m) and non-ferrous metals (-\$27m). These decreases were partially offset by increases in cereals (+\$60m) and other transport equipment (+\$52m).

Exports for the eight months ended February 1981 rose by \$378m, an increase of 3.1%, compared with the eight months ended February 1980.

Major contributors to this increase were sugar (+\$374m), textile fibres (+\$156m) and metalliferous ores (+\$183m).

Decreases were recorded in cereals (-\$287m) and non-ferrous metals (-\$244m).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of exports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (AEC) (1203.0). Statistics for 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 shipments during that period. All other exporters are required to report each individual shipment prior to the ship's departure. Approximately 90% of monthly export values are recorded on periodic returns. The statistical month for Customs outputs (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 free-on-board (f.o.b.) Australian port of shipment equivalent of the actual price paid to the exporter. Goods shipped on consignment are valued at the f.o.b. 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.

Merchandise and non-merchandise exports

6. 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 AEC.

Commodity classification

7. From 1 July 1978, exports have been classified according to the AEC 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 AEC. Copies of or extracts from this classification may be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city.

Revision to previous figures

8. 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.

Treatment of confidential data

9. 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.

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.

Related publications

11. 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.

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

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified.

13. 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 1979-80	December 1980	January 1981	February 1981
Meat and meat preparations (01)	100	79	104	59
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	100	74	95	120
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	100	128	159	131
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	100	132	148	124
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	100	102	107	91
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	100	109	119	115
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	121	78	160
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	84	75	62
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	100	194	107	163
Total all exports	100	101	106	100

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

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

Commodity description	1979-80 %	December 1980 %	January 1981 %	February 1981 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	9.2	7.2	8.9	5.4
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	15.3	11.2	13.8	18.4
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	3.7	4.7	5.6	4.8
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	8.5	11.1	11.9	10.5
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.2	17.4	17.3	15.6
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	8.9	9.6	10.0	10.3
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	2.3	2.7	1.7	3.6
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	10.7	8.9	7.5	6.6
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.5	8.7	4.6	7.4
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 (5000)

Section and Division	December 1980	January 1981	February 1981	8 months ended February	
				1980	1981
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	12,436	19,064	24,597	135,168	142,035
01 Meat and meat preparations	114,410	149,285	85,049	1,213,684	1,085,856
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	27,353	27,957	22,620	176,658	183,192
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	18,581	22,953	19,737	157,847	133,659
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	178,374	230,051	289,644	1,840,152	1,553,198
05 Vegetables and fruit	14,181	14,673	7,584	124,768	151,924
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	74,531	93,021	76,229	462,701	837,513
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2,143	3,835	1,955	14,774	21,543
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2,292	2,653	1,994	18,003	23,160
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,269	1,172	877	9,687	9,111
Total Section 0	445,570	564,665	530,287	4,153,443	4,141,192
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	2,443	2,548	2,066	19,140	23,731
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	573	564	903	10,026	7,980
Total Section 1	3,015	3,452	2,968	29,166	31,711
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	16,739	16,302	13,119	280,930	138,530
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	97	351	168	34,020	3,234
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	156	209	43	2,373	1,196
24 Cork and wood	25,011	14,383	19,295	110,736	148,253
25 Pulp and waste paper	256	89	75	762	1,561
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	177,031	198,366	166,042	1,076,299	1,231,670
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	5,977	7,319	9,125	53,418	62,676
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	276,565	289,140	246,071	2,031,409	2,214,113
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	4,689	3,924	3,640	31,926	44,207
Total Section 2	506,520	530,082	457,579	3,621,875	3,845,440
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	152,992	167,650	162,228	1,098,359	1,147,311
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	42,963	27,578	56,710	305,921	294,492
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total Section 3 (b)	195,955	195,228	218,939	1,404,280	1,441,802
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats	7,304	7,164	5,196	67,923	55,911
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	86	95	340	1,127	2,724
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	875	695	401	3,964	4,975
Total Section 4	8,265	7,954	5,937	73,014	63,612
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
51 Organic chemicals	3,855	4,248	2,315	27,380	36,730
52 Inorganic chemicals	7,567	5,851	4,693	39,305	51,951
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	2,195	1,463	2,146	14,580	18,660
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	7,094	6,774	4,077	46,603	52,712
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,464	2,527	2,377	18,721	20,619
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	115	907	179	3,123	4,051
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	472	783	48	4,323	3,737
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	5,399	7,384	6,454	39,114	46,115
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	10,335	13,002	3,737	48,757	56,469
Total Section 5	39,495	42,938	26,026	241,907	291,043

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION—continued

Section and Division	December 1980	January 1981	February 1981	8 months ended February	
				1980	1981
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	4,552	3,063	1,559	27,630	21,973
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	1,387	1,212	632	8,133	8,796
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	591	640	532	4,449	5,857
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	4,883	4,116	2,347	30,821	40,076
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	8,403	10,361	7,211	72,498	80,190
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	9,950	12,285	8,879	81,664	93,780
67 Iron and steel	51,704	30,980	39,790	381,848	341,330
68 Non-ferrous metals	73,412	81,028	54,393	878,691	635,184
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	15,052	13,681	9,226	108,425	109,752
<i>Total Section 6</i>	<i>169,934</i>	<i>157,367</i>	<i>124,570</i>	<i>1,594,160</i>	<i>1,336,938</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	2,916	2,132	3,793	26,428	29,162
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	20,335	17,916	13,826	109,097	129,764
73 Metalworking machinery	2,689	2,035	1,112	13,634	17,713
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	13,520	14,610	11,075	80,905	105,697
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	4,772	3,966	3,310	27,221	33,179
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4,740	3,182	1,314	18,028	30,949
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)	8,345	7,742	6,245	55,916	65,112
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	17,647	13,728	12,337	109,378	124,388
79 Other transport equipment	63,545	11,071	63,188	101,496	238,778
<i>Total Section 7</i>	<i>138,507</i>	<i>76,382</i>	<i>116,199</i>	<i>542,104</i>	<i>774,742</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	579	343	203	3,280	3,456
82 Furniture and parts thereof	954	828	634	4,849	6,266
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	72	43	31	774	463
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,364	1,675	876	14,959	12,474
85 Footwear	345	379	264	2,379	2,931
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6,985	5,794	5,444	49,208	56,735
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.: watches and clocks	7,185	11,919	7,417	52,611	65,793
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	10,078	9,521	10,802	66,543	83,069
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>27,562</i>	<i>30,502</i>	<i>25,672</i>	<i>194,604</i>	<i>231,187</i>
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	37,680	35,165	55,477	305,147	370,125
<i>Total merchandise (d)</i>	<i>1,572,503</i>	<i>1,643,736</i>	<i>1,563,654</i>	<i>12,159,700</i>	<i>12,527,792</i>
9B Non-merchandise (e)	15,753	26,109	13,963	140,959	151,246
Total exports	1,588,256	1,669,845	1,577,618	12,300,660	12,679,036

(a) Included in Division 9A. See paragraph 10 of explanatory notes. (b) Excludes Division 34. See paragraph 10 of explanatory notes. (c) Includes Division 34. See paragraph 10 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).