

INQUIRIES

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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1977 (PRELIMINARY)

Preliminary estimates for January 1977 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for January for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 52 *Production Summaries* (Reference No. 12.16) and the bulletin *Production Statistics* (Reference No. 12.14).

2 Production statistics are no longer collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry out in a minor way some manufacturing. The effect of these changes however on the production statistics shown in this bulletin is

negligible and does not affect comparisons of production levels and movements.

3. Seasonally adjusted statistics are shown for all but two of the data items contained in this bulletin 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 these series are available on request and are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1976* (Reference No. 1.10).

No.	Item	Unit	Months 1975-76				Months 1976-77			
			Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
1.	Pig iron									
	Original	'000 tonnes	639	605	507	711	571	495	557	604
	Seas. adj.	" "	617	606	470	687	548	499	517	585
2.	Raw steel (a)									
	Original	" "	589	663	661	672	635	554	624	679
	Seas. adj.	" "	553	645	633	671	598	525	603	687
3.	Blooms and slabs									
	Original	" "	397	489	477	493	501	458	505	483
	Seas. adj.	" "	384	456	467	482	488	419	498	475
4.	Tinplate									
	Original	" "	20.0	22.2	20.3	21.9	29.1	29.0	26.7	29.6
	Seas. adj.	" "	19.7	20.8	20.4	21.2	28.3	27.6	26.8	28.7
5.	Gas (b)	mil.								
	Original	megajoules	17,094	15,418	14,312	13,260	20,077	17,384	16,574	15,086
	Seas. adj.	" "	16,717	16,636	16,473	16,517	19,786	18,544	19,274	18,835
6.	Electricity	mil. kWh								
	Original	" "	6,362	5,940	5,958	5,769	6,929	6,398	6,415	6,153
	Seas. adj.	" "	6,314	6,387	6,334	6,374	7,014	6,709	6,841	6,885
7.	Bricks, clay	million								
	Original	" "	162	148	139	95	183	r193	155	106
	Seas. adj.	" "	152	151	150	134	181	r183	169	156
8.	Cement, Portland									
	Original	'000 tonnes	443	449	389	255	443	436	434	282
	Seas. adj.	" "	401	417	405	353	404	399	450	396
9.	Particle board									
	Original	'000 cu m	45.0	r42.8	r33.7	19.0	48.9	45.4	36.5	20.9
	Seas. adj.	" "	39.6	r44.4	r46.0	33.1	42.7	47.4	49.9	36.8
10.	Plastics and synthetic resins (c)	tonne								
	Original	" "	24,656	24,753	26,615	24,299	29,645	r30,469	26,882	22,810
	Seas. adj.	" "				Not available				
11.	Floor coverings									
	Original	'000 sq. m	4,031	3,724	3,142	1,396	3,222	r3,243	r2,593	1,442
	Seas. adj.	" "	3,519	3,551	3,374	3,104	2,970	r3,029	r2,763	3,278
12.	Acid -									
	Sulphuric									
	Original	'000 tonnes	73	109	113	129	136	147	168	143
	Seas. adj.	" "	68	106	104	118	123	142	157	131
13.	Nitric									
	Original	" "	7.9	15.7	19.7	9.8	13.4	15.7	20.3	6.0
	Seas. adj.	" "				Not available				
14.	Refrigerators, domestic									
	Original	'000	23.1	20.9	20.7	13.9	26.7	r25.0	16.1	13.6
	Seas. adj.	" "	19.3	18.6	21.4	17.9	24.9	r20.9	16.3	18.7
15.	Clothes washing machines -									
	Domestic									
	Original	" "	36.2	34.7	26.9	16.3	28.3	30.5	21.2	12.8
	Seas. adj.	" "	30.1	31.5	31.7	30.1	25.8	26.8	24.7	24.6
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)									
	Original	" "	11.6	5.5	3.9	1.6	2.6	3.1	1.9	1.0
	Seas. adj.	" "	8.9	4.2	3.3	3.9	2.1	2.3	1.6	2.7

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No.	Item	Unit	Months 1975-76				Months 1976-77			
			Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
17.	Television sets (d)									
	Original	'000	58.3	49.8	36.8	18.1	50.2	54.9	42.7	18.9
	Seas. adj.	"	48.8	46.7	43.3	42.4	45.9	48.2	48.4	47.9
18.	Electric motors -									
	Under 1 hp									
	Original	"	378	371	310	171	r286	r321	243	99
	Seas. adj.	"	308	311	330	336	r247	278	250	196
19.	1 hp and over									
	Original	"	32.1	28.6	27.4	10.3	30.7	31.6	27.7	8.8
	Seas. adj.	"	26.9	23.8	30.3	21.4	25.6	26.4	30.7	18.4
20.	Internal combustion engines -									
	Petrol (e)									
	Original	"	50.5	43.3	30.5	22.3	42.5	38.0	31.7	17.7
	Seas. adj.	"	33.6	30.1	31.3	28.0	28.2	26.4	32.7	22.2
21.	Lawn mowers -									
	Petrol-rotary type									
	Original	"	52.1	44.6	31.1	22.9	44.3	41.3	36.7	21.6
	Seas. adj.	"	30.1	30.1	31.9	27.3	25.5	27.9	37.6	26.0
	Motor vehicles (f) -									
	Cars and station wagons									
	Original	"	35.6	28.8	27.8	10.3	35.7	38.2	r28.5	8.1
	Seas. adj.	"	30.4	29.0	31.4	26.9	33.8	35.9	32.0	21.8
23.	Utilities and panel vans									
	Original	"	5.01	4.63	3.91	1.63	4.75	5.81	4.48	1.30
	Seas. adj.	"	4.81	4.66	4.94	3.89	4.55	5.86	5.68	3.14
24.	Trucks and truck type									
	Original	"	2.82	2.29	2.08	1.05	2.93	3.07	r2.52	0.93
	Seas. adj.	"	2.50	2.29	2.46	2.02	2.58	3.08	r2.98	1.78
	Yarn (g) -									
	Cotton									
	Original	'000 kg	2,711	2,202	1,816	711	2,073	r1,909	1,433	781
	Seas. adj.	"	2,497	2,088	2,311	1,890	2,042	r1,754	1,824	2,186
26.	Wool									
	Original	"	2,243	1,933	1,651	849	1,776	r1,812	1,470	703
	Seas. adj.	"	1,995	2,004	1,993	1,557	1,733	r1,723	1,320	1,337
	Woven cloth (g) -									
	Cotton (excl. towelling)									
	Original	'000 sq. m	4,940	3,878	3,474	1,565	r4,221	r3,584	2,861	(j)
	Seas. adj.	"	4,070	3,725	4,299	3,695	r3,514	r3,368	3,242	(j)
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing)									
	Original	"	819	718	625	384	587	r558	459	239
	Seas. adj.	"	712	638	661	654	559	r463	499	424
29.	Cellulosic fibre									
	Original	"	1,642	1,552	1,156	740	1,567	r1,588	1,310	426
	Seas. adj.	"	1,448	1,451	1,403	1,382	1,400	r1,492	1,528	833
30.	Synthetic fibre									
	Original	"	9,420	8,198	6,164	4,319	r8,464	r8,425	7,211	2,610
	Seas. adj.	"	8,425	8,327	7,803	8,314	r8,017	r8,329	8,965	5,245
	Confectionery -									
	Chocolate base									
	Original	'000 kg	4,867	3,752	3,492	1,979	5,293	r5,370	3,815	2,231
	Seas. adj.	"	4,673	4,211	4,475	4,091	5,509	r5,691	4,924	4,724
32.	Other									
	Original	"	6,073	5,462	4,797	3,161	5,728	r5,371	4,870	2,920
	Seas. adj.	"	5,011	4,960	4,985	5,074	5,061	r4,644	5,033	4,830
33.	Beer (h)									
	Original	mil. litres	188	166	199	183	157	180	r210	(j)
	Seas. adj.	"	167	157	153	188	151	155	r165	(j)
34.	Tobacco and cigarettes (i)									
	Original	'000 kg	3,519	2,648	2,182	1,217	2,195	2,784	2,140	1,330
	Seas. adj.	"	2,982	2,765	2,474	1,830	1,975	2,770	2,369	2,129

(a) Includes continuous cast billets. (b) Available for use through mains. Includes natural gas. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) Includes combination with radio etc. (e) Excludes marine inboard, motor car, truck, tractor and aero engines, but includes engines for outboard motors. (f) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (g) Includes mixture predominantly of the fibre named. (h) Includes ale and stout. (i) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (j) Not yet available. r - revised

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