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MAIN FEATURES

Exports during June 1981 fell by \$91m to \$1,648m, a decrease of 5% compared with May 1981.

Decreases were recorded in sugar (–\$74m), metaliferous ores (–\$48m) and wheat (–\$20m). However, these decreases were partly offset by increases in coal (+\$43m), meat (+\$32m) and metal manufactures (+\$21m).

Exports for the year ended June 1981 increased by \$331m, a rise of 2% compared with the year ended June 1980.

The main contributors to this increase were sugar (+\$473m), coal (+\$297m) and textile fibres (+\$267m); offsetting decreases in wheat (–\$448m) and metal manufactures (–\$328m) were recorded.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of exports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (AECC) (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 and returns 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 end 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 outports (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 exports

6. In accordance with standards recommended by the United Nations merchandise exports are defined as all goods which subtract from the stock of material resources in Australia as a result of their movement out of the country. Merchandise exports, therefore, exclude goods exported with the reasonable expectation of re-import within a limited time. A complete list of commodities not included in merchandise trade is shown under Section 9(b) of the AECC. These include, for example, coin being legal tender and goods for temporary exhibition outside Australia. Goods excluded from merchandise trade are for convenience termed non-merchandise and non-merchandise is shown separately in Table 3. Total trade is the addition of merchandise and non-merchandise trade.

Commodity classification

7. From 1 July 1978, exports have been classified according to the AECC 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 AECC. 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.

Other information available

9. *Special returns service*: Subscribers to this service can receive computer produced printout of overseas trade statistics at the commodity specific level in one or more of a limited number of formats, for a charge consistent with the level of detail required. This service is recommended where up to fifty specific commodity items are required on a regular basis.

10. *Microfiche service*: Overseas trade statistics are also available on microfiche in a variety of tabular formats. Each tabular format covers all commodities exported or imported at various levels of aggregation.

This service is recommended where the subscriber wishes to obtain overseas trade details for a large number of commodities.

11. To meet subscribers' needs special returns and microfiche are available on a monthly, quarterly or less frequent basis. Payment in advance is required for both these services and relevant application forms and/or information papers are available from the ABS Overseas Trade Section in Canberra, or from each ABS State office.

Related publications

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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	April 1981	May 1981	June 1981
Meat and meat preparations (01)	100	95	80	102
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	100	68	82	71
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	100	205	189	62
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	100	129	118	113
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	100	89	121	104
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	100	168	143	173
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	105	165	141
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	89	85	98
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	100	113	117	113
Total all exports	100	106	111	105

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

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

Comm. dity description	1979-80 %	April 1981 %	May 1981 %	June 1981 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	9.2	8.2	6.6	8.9
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	15.3	9.9	11.4	10.3
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	3.7	7.2	6.3	2.2
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	8.5	10.4	9.1	9.2
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.2	14.5	18.9	17.0
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	8.9	14.2	11.5	14.7
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	2.3	2.3	3.4	3.0
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	10.7	9.0	8.2	10.0
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.9
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
(5'000)

Section and Division		April 1981	May 1981	June 1981	Year ended June	
					1980	1981
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00	Live animals chiefly for food	25,098	19,522	27,037	209,716	231,460
01	Meat and meat preparations	136,695	115,239	146,808	1,729,469	1,593,070
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	16,551	26,017	23,087	264,013	270,291
03	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	20,892	30,231	29,307	242,148	232,059
04	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	164,531	197,464	170,490	2,891,403	2,326,987
05	Vegetables and fruit	20,538	26,044	27,931	210,843	236,268
06	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	119,826	110,292	36,239	700,423	1,169,039
07	Coffee, tea, cocoas, spices and manufactures thereof	2,124	2,287	2,168	22,444	29,329
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	4,181	3,806	3,407	25,742	37,335
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,343	1,492	1,381	14,177	14,547
	Total Section 0	511,779	532,393	467,855	6,310,378	6,140,385
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11	Beverages	2,552	3,497	3,171	28,070	36,282
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	559	796	987	13,299	11,320
	Total Section 1	3,111	4,293	4,158	41,369	47,602
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21	Hides, skins and furskins, raw	20,859	16,804	18,775	377,436	210,234
22	Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	577	164	2,754	35,584	7,705
23	Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	63	75	164	2,904	1,656
24	Cork and wood	18,441	19,478	13,614	170,582	209,594
25	Pulp and waste paper	61	124	250	1,417	2,120
26	Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	172,522	158,385	150,913	1,606,534	1,873,076
27	Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	5,984	6,928	7,221	82,320	89,726
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	240,649	328,120	280,027	3,244,713	3,306,073
29	Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5,454	4,729	5,195	47,261	63,780
	Total Section 2	464,609	534,807	478,913	5,568,750	5,763,965
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	236,671	200,620	242,884	1,687,789	1,982,497
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	37,398	58,690	50,146	426,602	500,508
34	Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
	Total Section 3 (b)	274,069	259,309	293,030	2,114,392	2,483,005
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41	Animal oils and fats	7,488	7,162	6,188	91,342	80,263
42	Fixed vegetable oils and fats	342	196	83	1,483	4,228
43	Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	621	542	533	6,890	7,128
	Total Section 4	8,451	7,899	6,803	99,715	91,618
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
51	Organic chemicals	4,766	2,370	4,847	46,124	50,960
52	Inorganic chemicals	5,780	4,001	2,697	74,093	55,835
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,336	1,685	1,593	21,649	17,265
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	7,081	7,364	7,869	70,195	81,802
55	Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3,124	2,592	2,657	28,788	31,644
56	Fertilisers, manufactured	171	195	355	5,486	5,230
57	Explosives and pyrotechnic products	122	432	1,251	5,865	6,206
58	Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	8,462	6,229	6,197	59,195	72,079
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	4,106	5,968	5,870	68,284	77,187
	Total Section 5	34,949	30,836	33,335	379,679	398,207

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

Section and Division	April 1981	May 1981	June 1981	Year ended June	
				1980	1981
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	3,189	2,534	2,052	42,827	31,532
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	852	861	777	11,812	12,177
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	509	728	693	7,424	8,559
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	2,813	3,903	5,327	50,566	56,616
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	10,195	11,226	11,260	109,471	122,996
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	14,814	8,451	11,257	124,395	137,367
67 Iron and steel	36,818	44,427	61,202	605,537	533,716
68 Non-ferrous metals	98,868	85,227	87,587	1,249,486	986,293
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	14,524	13,820	15,448	159,362	166,476
Total Section 6	182,582	171,177	195,604	2,360,879	2,055,732
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	3,604	3,313	3,628	39,037	41,853
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	21,567	17,591	15,729	156,346	195,817
73 Metalworking machinery	2,214	2,311	2,785	20,445	26,987
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	11,364	13,589	12,297	126,609	154,634
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	4,582	3,956	4,324	46,355	50,730
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,637	2,833	4,297	27,168	38,743
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)	7,199	9,421	9,214	84,880	98,940
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	15,001	16,683	16,622	159,841	183,638
79 Other transport equipment	12,541	13,917	11,636	196,011	294,063
Total Section 7	80,709	83,613	80,531	856,691	1,085,405
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	486	782	341	4,849	5,359
82 Furniture and parts thereof	971	1,066	812	7,759	9,616
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	58	75	87	1,090	714
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,129	1,061	1,407	22,532	17,585
85 Footwear	428	439	447	3,867	4,545
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6,848	7,839	7,358	75,789	84,519
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	7,431	7,750	7,383	83,070	95,416
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	10,196	11,553	13,179	109,127	125,628
Total Section 8	27,547	30,564	31,014	308,084	343,382
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	54,488	57,195	40,702	564,453	568,654
Total merchandise (d)	1,642,294	1,712,087	1,631,944	18,604,390	18,977,955
9B Non-merchandise (e)	19,059	27,242	16,219	265,689	223,343
Total exports	1,661,353	1,739,329	1,648,163	18,870,079	19,201,298

(a) Included in Division 9A. (b) Excludes Division 34. (c) Includes Division 34. (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).