



EXPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1979 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

November exports rose by \$44 million to \$1,679 million.

Major contributors to this increase were cereals (\$76m), sugar (\$49m) and textile fibres (\$39m). Decreases occurred in metalliferous ores (\$67m), metal manufactures (\$12m) and petroleum products (\$12m).

In seasonally adjusted terms, total exports were 1.8% higher than in October 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of exports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (A.E.C.C.) (1203.0). Statistics for 1979-80 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 passed by the Bureau of Customs. Normally this is within a few days of shipment of cargo, but delays sometimes occur in the lodging of entries. 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 twenty-first of each month whereas for mainports the statistical month is the calendar month.

Valuation

5. Goods sold to overseas buyers before export are valued at the 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 despatched for sale. The value of outside packages is included.

Commodity classification

6. From 1 July 1978, exports have been classified according to the new A.E.C.C. 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 A.E.C.C.. Copies of extracts from this classification may be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city.

Merchandise and non-merchandise exports

7. 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 A.E.C.C..

Seasonal adjustment

8. In carrying out seasonal adjustment of export statistics, account is taken not only of seasonal factors but also of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter, which may affect figures for different months in different years. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). The statistics may also be subject to large irregular influences which are not removed by seasonal adjustment and may be affected by changes in the composition of exports. For these reasons care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements.

Revision to previous figures

9. 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.

Related publications

10. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Exports of Major Commodities and their Principal Markets, Australia (5403.0)
Exports, Australia (5404.0)
Imports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5405.0)

Imports, Australia (5406.0)
Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices, Australia (5421.0)
Exports by Mode of Transport, Australia (5415.0)
Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0)

11. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

12. 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 1978-79	September 1979	October 1979	November 1979
Meat and meat preparations (01)	100	92	127	131
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	100	189	216	294
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	100	176	103	231
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	100	81	113	145
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	100	118	158	125
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	100	104	120	117
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	116	154	120
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	131	129	125
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	100	110	124	
Total all exports	100	116	138	141
Original	100	123	133	136
Seasonally adjusted				

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

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

Commodity description	1978-79 %	September 1979 %	October 1979 %	November 1979 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	12.0	9.5	11.1	11.1
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	8.2	13.4	12.9	17.1
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	3.3	4.9	2.4	5.3
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	10.3	7.2	8.5	10.6
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.4	17.7	19.9	8.9
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	10.8	9.7	9.4	1.7
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	2.2	2.2	2.5	8.9
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	10.6	12.0	9.9	4.2
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.7	4.5	4.3	
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 \$'000

Section and Division	September 1979	October 1979	November 1979	Five months ended November	
				1978	1979
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD -					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	12,443	20,494	11,782	43,364	76,305
01 Meat and meat preparations	131,025	180,788	186,726	585,188	772,558
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	15,103	21,614	22,474	69,823	101,211
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	15,041	19,368	18,290	56,368	95,409
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	184,819	211,080	287,314	330,645	985,803
05 Vegetables and fruit	18,874	14,744	10,136	63,269	97,360
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	67,887	39,926	89,422	280,955	323,218
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	671	1,571	2,222	8,686	8,361
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1,156	2,563	3,431	19,721	11,214
09 Misc. edible products and preparations	1,004	1,266	1,191	4,835	6,014
Total Section 0	448,024	513,413	632,988	1,462,854	2,477,655
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,853	3,079	2,775	9,063	13,056
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2,672	2,021	1,456	4,082	8,325
Total Section 1	4,526	5,100	4,231	13,145	21,381
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	30,346	42,095	38,976	132,809	188,070
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	10,275	1,243	2,111	15,131	30,802
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	390	347	138	1,778	1,833
24 Cork and wood	11,417	8,485	15,128	47,370	65,639
25 Pulp and waste paper	83	28	9	137	378
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	99,108	138,808	177,503	527,320	617,658
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	6,959	5,212	8,227	30,837	32,027
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	244,372	325,436	258,197	1,010,848	1,258,132
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3,249	4,860	5,038	16,180	21,903
Total Section 2	406,198	526,516	505,326	1,782,409	2,216,442
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	133,139	153,143	148,937	584,649	675,252
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	30,549	40,588	29,016	105,161	155,045
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total Section 3 (b)	163,688	193,731	177,953	689,810	830,297
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES -					
41 Animal oils and fats	4,055	10,364	3,687	39,372	33,334
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	155	321	115	368	790
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	380	379	794	2,902	2,899
Total Section 4	4,590	11,064	4,596	42,642	37,023
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S. -					
51 Organic chemicals	4,987	2,084	4,327	16,694	17,085
52 Inorganic chemicals	4,214	4,977	8,121	19,127	26,550
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,642	1,929	1,990	6,802	9,684
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	5,003	5,791	7,437	28,103	31,955
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,157	2,510	2,405	9,502	11,555
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	150	237	218	637	2,306
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	31	551	74	2,290	2,527
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	3,296	6,267	5,673	17,403	26,013
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	2,975	5,664	7,101	18,939	26,276
Total Section 5	24,455	30,011	37,346	119,499	153,952

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

Section and Division	September 1979	October 1979	November 1979	Five months ended November	
				1978	1979
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	5,041 858	2,293 776	2,633 1,226	18,201 2,348	18,695 5,654
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.					
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	512	422	449	1,994	2,400
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	4,407	4,180	3,292	11,892	19,221
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	9,711 10,374	10,089 12,646	7,888 11,116	37,108 49,783	46,473 53,997
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	36,870	50,028	47,246	273,695	244,368
67 Iron and steel	116,415	99,954	79,372	302,807	470,353
68 Non-ferrous metals	11,584	11,988	23,379	47,148	73,077
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	195,772	192,374	176,600	744,976	934,238
<i>Total Section 6</i>					
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	3,155	3,752	3,143	11,774	17,770
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	12,873	13,923	17,702	50,989	70,141
73 Metalworking machinery	1,509	2,293	1,963	6,756	9,075
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	10,376	9,753	11,718	46,520	50,590
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	3,606	3,744	3,470	16,483	17,230
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,790	3,416	2,302	10,465	12,384
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)	6,372 13,937	7,079 13,102	6,818 14,708	24,210 52,181	35,977 74,297
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	7,164	12,749	8,285	33,872	66,679
79 Other transport equipment	61,781	69,813	70,109	253,249	354,143
<i>Total Section 7</i>					
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	431	548	439	1,195	2,205
82 Furniture and parts thereof	542	655	792	1,788	3,064
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	110	104	86	450	480
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2,442	1,964	1,980	5,323	10,057
85 Footwear	242	398	357	1,175	1,576
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	5,071	6,408	7,476	21,954	30,680
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	5,392 7,561	6,238 16,802	7,174 10,087	25,070 32,797	31,851 50,950
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	21,791	33,117	28,390	89,751	130,861
<i>Total Section 8</i>					
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	34,835	44,713	27,338	132,893	168,479
<i>Total Merchandise (d)</i>	1,365,660	1,619,851	1,664,877	5,331,229	7,324,470
9B Non-merchandise (e)	13,555	15,355	14,125	66,102	69,635
Total exports					
Original	1,379,216	1,635,206	1,679,002	5,397,330	7,394,105
Seasonally adjusted	1,459,303	1,583,796	1,612,084	5,342,245	7,286,176

(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).