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MAIN FEATURES

Exports for December 1981 fell by \$81m to \$1,422m, a decrease of 5% compared with November 1981.

The major contributors to this decrease were metal manufactures (~\$47m) and cereals (~\$37m).

Exports for the six months ended December 1981 fell by \$209m to \$9,199m, a decrease of 2% compared with the six months ended December 1980.

The major contributors to this decrease were meat (~\$197m) and cereals (~\$179m).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly and year-to-date statistics of exports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the Australian Export Commodity Classification (AECC) (1203.0). Statistics for 1981-82 may be amended as a result of continuing quality checks on overseas trade data. Although these amendments usually have little effect on broad aggregate statistics they may have a significant effect on individual commodity statistics. For this reason, statistics for 1981-82 should be regarded as preliminary and subject to revision.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly publication 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 per cent 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.

5. Because of these factors export statistics for a particular month do not represent entries lodged or commodities actually exported during that month.

Analysis of past data has shown that in aggregate approximately 40 per cent of export trade by value for a particular month reflects actual shipments during that month, 55 per cent by value was actually exported during the previous month with the remaining 5 per cent by value exported in earlier months. For individual commodities the percentage by value representing actual exports in a month may vary considerably.

Valuation

6. Goods sold to overseas buyers prior to shipment are valued at the free-on-board (f.o.b.) Australian port of shipment equivalent of the actual price at which the goods were sold. 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.

7. The recorded value of exports includes the value of the outside package, other than international containers used for containerised shipping.

Merchandise exports

8. 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 their 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

9. Exports are classified according to the items of the AECC which, from 1 July 1978, has been 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

10. 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

11. Special returns service : Subscribers to this service can receive computer produced printout of overseas trade statistics at the commodity specific level in one of 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.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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

15. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

16. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES(a) - PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE
COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commodity description	1980-81	Three months ended		
		October 1981	November 1981	December 1981
Meat and meat preparations (01)	-8.2	-18.7	-31.9	-29.1
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	-19.6	-18.3	-4.8	-17.7
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	66.9	-6.8	-28.6	-38.7
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	16.6	8.6	7.2	-3.8
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	1.9	-1.6	-1.9	-3.4
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	17.4	71.7	22.8	18.2
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	21.1	67.8	32.0	19.8
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	-16.4	23.0	16.7	-4.5
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	25.8	4.4	-8.6	-21.5
Total all exports	1.6	4.9	-1.5	-7.5

(a) For footnote see Table 2.

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

Commodity description	1980-81	Three months ended		
		October 1981	November 1981	December 1981
Meat and meat preparations (01)	8.3	7.4	7.0	6.7
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	12.1	8.8	9.8	8.9
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	6.1	7.3	5.4	4.7
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	9.8	8.4	9.5	10.2
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	17.2	17.5	17.3	18.0
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	10.3	12.3	11.8	13.2
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.3
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	8.8	10.4	10.7	9.1
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	5.6	5.5	5.6	6.0
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	October 1981	November 1981	December 1981	Six months ended December	
				1980	1981
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	22,650	16,512	17,455	92,544	123,082
01 Meat and meat preparations	110,789	100,754	87,517	845,533	648,759
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	23,383	24,971	17,231	132,670	124,758
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	17,881	19,687	24,341	91,270	128,560
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	137,457	149,024	112,104	1,038,050	859,012
05 Vegetables and fruit	19,800	10,985	10,425	129,478	103,588
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	76,574	58,858	75,965	668,159	547,479
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2,647	4,029	2,840	15,747	17,520
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2,015	1,938	1,698	18,603	13,362
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,263	1,109	1,170	7,066	7,301
Total Section 0	414,459	387,866	350,747	3,039,121	2,573,421
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	4,717	3,998	2,610	18,590	22,181
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,254	920	1,214	6,171	5,773
Total section 1	5,971	4,918	3,825	24,761	27,954
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	15,827	20,492	14,879	109,127	105,834
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	594	182	101	2,718	11,527
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	236	118	150	944	1,088
24 Cork and wood	14,143	15,251	17,930	114,074	92,132
25 Pulp and waste paper	143	87	155	1,396	798
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	149,564	163,977	144,464	867,727	822,265
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	6,612	7,146	6,310	46,246	41,869
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	231,598	276,244	297,789	1,689,839	1,699,406
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5,061	3,815	4,938	36,866	28,843
Total Section 2	423,778	487,312	486,715	2,864,938	2,803,762
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	213,456	182,285	197,395	817,410	1,137,787
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	67,273	49,396	31,213	218,044	261,277
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total Section 3(b)	280,730	231,681	228,608	1,035,455	1,399,064

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
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Section and Division	October 1981	November 1981	December 1981	Six months ended December	
				1980	1981
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats	6,130	5,777	3,566	43,571	32,936
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	815	59	189	2,289	2,061
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	406	455	508	3,861	2,826
Total Section 4	7,350	6,290	4,264	49,721	37,822
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
51 Organic chemicals	1,468	2,033	5,692	30,074	23,778
52 Inorganic chemicals	4,111	3,198	3,038	34,075	22,363
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,658	1,207	1,185	9,018	7,992
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	8,383	7,756	7,525	41,945	45,551
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,752	2,336	2,074	15,715	15,929
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	715	301	325	2,964	2,716
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	531	983	709	2,906	4,067
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	6,737	5,397	6,040	32,402	39,783
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	4,936	4,584	8,190	39,608	33,834
Total Section 5	31,292	27,795	34,778	208,707	196,013
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	3,475	2,069	2,993	17,303	15,588
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	925	703	824	6,845	6,159
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	702	446	568	4,642	4,169
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	5,210	4,017	4,610	33,644	26,586
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	11,766	12,431	8,105	62,623	65,602
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	11,025	8,167	9,769	65,059	60,562
67 Iron and steel	48,633	44,410	27,683	270,538	283,686
68 Non-ferrous metals	96,580	85,148	52,573	499,701	494,498
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	18,898	15,429	17,525	86,688	105,334
Total Section 6	197,215	172,821	124,650	1,047,043	1,062,186

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Section and Division	October 1981	November 1981	December 1981	Six months ended December	
				1980	1981
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	7,474	6,899	12,634	22,152	41,364
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	19,493	14,622	19,842	98,078	93,162
73 Metal working machinery	2,096	1,815	2,506	14,563	12,324
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	11,578	12,550	13,027	80,023	78,611
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	4,243	5,931	5,644	25,900	34,193
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	3,693	3,377	4,521	22,801	22,052
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof (including non-electric counter-parts n.e.s., of electrical household type equipment)	10,699	9,777	9,544	51,177	60,291
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	23,394	10,564	16,669	98,602	102,780
79 Other transport equipment	12,470	8,644	13,569	165,637	74,724
Total Section 7	95,140	74,179	97,958	578,933	519,502
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	551	463	301	2,745	2,957
82 Furniture and parts thereof	1,062	816	1,026	4,802	6,306
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	47	63	65	394	441
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,253	1,185	1,209	9,904	7,232
85 Footwear	292	250	311	2,287	1,945
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6,443	8,340	6,912	45,413	50,047
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	11,752	8,620	10,461	46,442	53,940
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	15,834	13,074	10,309	62,687	72,123
Total Section 8	37,234	32,812	30,594	174,634	194,992
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified(c)	39,024	56,518	45,011	282,268	275,191
Total merchandise(d)	1,532,193	1,482,192	1,407,150	9,305,580	9,089,909
9B Non-merchandise(e)	20,444	20,271	14,507	102,160	108,893
Total exports	1,552,637	1,502,463	1,421,657	9,407,740	9,198,802

(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).