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APRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 49 : BUILDING MATERIALS
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The figures for 1971-72 are derived from the Annual Factory Census. All other annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. Production figures for Northern Territory and A.C.T. are included with S.A. and N.S.W. respectively. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of clay bricks, in Table 1, page 1 and Portland cement in Table 3, page 2. 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 and other series were given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1974" (Ref. No. 1.10).

TABLE 1. - BRICKS

Period	Clay									
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (472.01,03)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia			Total bricks
							Original	Seas. adj. (a)	Concrete and silica line (b)	
1971-72	million	million	million	million	million	million	million	million	million	million
1972-73	706	438	192	159	228	21.1	1,744	..	139	1,883
1973-74	734	443	216	169	290	22.3	1,874	..	165	2,039
	799	522	233	(c)	315	(c)	2,066	..	173	2,239
1973 -										
November	70.4	46.0	21.6	(c)	27.5	(c)	179	167	17.3	197
December	61.2	39.3	18.5	(c)	22.3	(c)	156	179	11.5	167
1974 -										
January	54.2	31.5	16.9	(c)	24.5	(c)	141	183	8.8	149
February	64.3	43.2	18.4	(c)	24.4	(c)	166	175	15.4	182
March	66.8	43.2	19.7	(c)	28.9	(c)	174	170	14.3	189
April	65.2	41.9	19.9	(c)	27.0	(c)	170	176	13.7	184
May	74.4	49.3	20.5	(c)	27.4	(c)	190	173	15.5	205
June	62.1	46.9	18.4	(c)	26.8	(c)	169	175	13.4	182
July	72.8	48.7	21.1	(c)	27.4	(c)	190	179	13.7	204
August	63.3	44.2	14.4	(c)	27.5	(c)	168	157	12.3	180
September	62.4	41.0	17.8	(c)	23.2	(c)	163	158	11.2	174
October	61.2	33.4	16.1	(c)	26.8	(c)	156	143	11.4	168
November	50.6	35.5	15.6	(c)	23.6	(c)	144	136	10.9	155
December	46.6	30.1	11.1	(c)	18.5	(c)	119	131	8.8	128
1973-74 : July to Dec.	411	266	123.9	(c)	156	(c)	1,056	..	91.6	1,148
1974-75 : July to Dec.	357	233	96.1	(c)	147	(c)	940	..	68.3	1,008

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Code numbers 475.21,23; 479.45,47. (c) Not available for publication.

TABLE 6. - PLASTER SHEETS - NON-ACOUSTIC : STATES, CONCRETE PRODUCTS : BLOCKS AND PIPES

Period	Plaster sheets - non-acoustic						Concrete blocks (in terms of 16'x8'x8')	Concrete pipes other than agricultural	Concrete box culverts
	N.S.W. and Qld	Vic.	S.A. (479.32,33)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	(475.27)	(475.46)	(475.60)
	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	million	tonnes	tonnes
1971-72	15,743	12,986	(a)	(a)	(a)	34,314	73.1	787,600	92,419
1972-73	18,692	14,733	(a)	(a)	(a)	39,796	79.3	908,183	92,318
1973-74	21,655	15,516	(a)	(a)	(a)	44,331	89.5	913,674	103,018
1973 -									
November	2,076	1,091	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,931	7.99	80,859	8,430
December	1,588	1,192	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,290	6.34	59,391	6,927
1974 -									
January	853	1,045	(a)	(a)	(a)	2,312	5.76	50,613	4,906
February	1,827	1,245	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,677	6.90	75,879	8,287
March	1,657	1,350	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,597	7.47	75,555	8,113
April	1,378	1,136	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,039	7.22	72,981	8,031
May	2,164	1,560	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,437	8.43	83,528	8,608
June	1,562	1,299	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,429	7.56	78,597	9,341
July	1,987	1,359	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,999	8.62	85,470	10,509
August	1,636	1,344	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,580	6.41	72,545	8,835
September	1,651	1,310	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,571	7.40	75,425	8,713
October	1,859	1,282	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,832	7.57	70,051	8,442
November	1,609	1,108	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,333	6.94	65,428	7,568
December	1,182	803	(a)	(a)	(a)	2,485	5.21	47,133	6,079
1973-74 : July to Dec.	12,214	7,882	(a)	(a)	(a)	23,841	46.2	476,521	55,732
1974-75 : July to Dec.	9,925	7,205	(a)	(a)	(a)	20,800	42.2	416,052	50,146

(a) Not available for publication.

TABLE 7. - READY MIXED CONCRETE (a)
('000 cubic metres)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A. and N.T. (475.90)	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971-72	3,476	2,548	1,297	979	915	213	266	9,695
1972-73	3,552	2,381	1,500	975	860	200	259	9,736
1973-74	3,626	2,553	1,513	1,048	992	236	256	10,225
1973 -								
November	334	219	138	107.3	95.6	20.9	22.7	937
December	279	163	119	83.1	77.2	15.3	18.6	756
1974 -								
January	205	138	81	67.1	72.2	11.5	15.9	592
February	240	203	123	89.7	84.9	20.3	21.5	783
March	345	256	130	94.5	77.7	21.8	23.9	949
April	309	187	124	55.0	74.0	19.5	17.4	786
May	344	258	137	49.5	78.8	24.8	27.4	919
June	324	243	128	112.7	84.6	19.8	22.3	934
July	377	141	149	91.7	73.9	16.2	20.6	869
August	318	195	133	101.5	77.6	22.7	21.0	869
September	314	214	110	95.5	80.7	21.3	27.6	862
October	313	238	132	95.2	80.2	23.9	25.8	908
November	322	251	134	99.3	85.4	23.7	29.2	945
December	274	202	115	78.1	70.4	18.7	25.0	783
1973-74 : July to Dec.	1,858	1,267	791	580	520	119	127	5,262
1974-75 : July to Dec.	1,917	1,240	774	561	468	126	149	5,226

(a) Reported production of ready mixed concrete for sale as such. Excludes production used, or for use, in the same establishment.

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