

PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 35 : BED BASES (a) AND MATTRESSES AUSTRALIA : FEBRUARY 1976

All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision.

As from February 1976 production statistics are no longer being collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on in a minor way some manufacturing.

However, except for a few commodities, the effect on production levels and movements is marginal. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis. Monthly data from July 1975 to January 1976 have also been adjusted on the new basis.

TABLE I. - BED BASES
(N^obeds)

Period	Box spring								
	N.S.W.			Vic.			Other States		
	(844.02) (b)	(844.05) (c)	(844.07) (d)	(844.02) (b)	(844.05) (c)	(844.07) (d)	(844.02) (b)	(844.05) (c)	(844.07) (d)
1972-73	37,925	46,829	9,569	41,248	47,893	13,598	22,512	29,679	6,283
1973-74	37,811	48,869	12,575	39,251	51,811	18,450	27,192	36,961	9,656
1974-75	33,907	45,093	13,686	37,664	46,849	16,633	24,396	32,691	9,452
1974-75 (e)	33,772	44,981	13,629	37,578	46,790	16,617	24,393	32,673	9,452
1975 -									
January	1,357	2,140	742	1,948	2,216	1,028	1,077	1,592	416
February	3,034	3,780	1,199	2,587	3,187	1,105	1,991	2,783	669
March	2,666	4,084	1,173	3,755	3,699	1,242	1,988	2,705	769
April	2,487	3,917	1,257	3,665	4,376	1,733	2,290	2,888	871
May	2,909	4,311	1,161	3,411	4,554	1,259	2,157	2,982	883
June	2,464	3,518	1,150	3,463	4,578	1,595	2,274	2,739	1,218
July (f)	4,099	4,257	1,320	4,219	4,761	1,761	2,475	3,057	897
August	3,138	4,263	1,419	3,293	4,472	1,895	2,209	3,378	831
September	3,311	4,690	1,602	3,854	4,702	1,929	2,253	3,431	1,126
October	3,812	5,073	1,587	4,618	5,408	2,244	2,487	3,632	977
November	3,347	4,803	1,673	4,284	4,975	1,764	2,198	3,262	940
December	3,187	4,188	1,485	4,247	4,133	1,751	2,638	2,837	918
1976 -									
January	1,578	1,605	543	1,510	1,491	700	1,643	2,257	685
February	3,566	3,890	1,456	3,582	4,168	1,558	2,039	3,037	1,015
1974-75 : July to Feb.	23,381	29,263	8,845	23,370	29,642	10,804	15,687	21,317	5,711
1975-76 : July to Feb.	25,038	32,769	11,085	28,893	33,568	13,602	17,942	24,891	7,397

Period	Box spring - continued								
	Australia			N.S.W.	Vic.	S.A. (844.12.15.17)	Other States		Australia
	(844.02) (b)	(844.05) (c)	(844.07) (d)						
1972-73	101,685	124,401	29,450	287,895	127,705	103,032	43,459	54,179	616,270
1973-74	104,254	137,641	40,681	280,012	133,014	109,912	41,664	63,915	618,517
1974-75	95,967	124,633	39,771	191,173	103,390	74,950	33,526	43,407	456,446
1974-75 (e)	95,743	124,444	39,698	191,173	103,390	74,950	33,526	43,407	456,446
1975 -									
January	4,382	5,948	2,186	4,570	5,101	4,213	2,233	3,798	19,915
February	7,612	9,750	2,973	17,933	8,544	5,916	1,956	4,131	38,480
March	8,409	10,488	3,184	17,265	7,813	6,009	3,012	4,078	38,177
April	8,442	11,181	3,861	16,944	9,928	6,222	2,953	4,119	40,166
May	8,477	11,847	3,303	18,179	7,759	7,151	3,417	4,985	45,391
June	8,201	10,895	4,063	16,792	9,097	6,933	2,672	4,587	40,081
July (f)	9,079	11,533	3,978	17,971	9,501	8,154	3,260	4,820	37,468
August	8,640	12,113	4,145	13,577	8,782	7,581	3,129	3,920	36,989
September	9,418	12,823	4,657	13,748	10,271	9,060	3,379	4,034	40,492
October	10,917	14,113	4,808	18,295	12,565	8,043	2,939	5,116	40,958
November	9,829	13,040	4,385	13,714	11,350	7,952	2,447	5,359	40,822
December	10,072	11,158	4,154	9,736	9,182	7,260	4,510	3,553	34,241
1976 -									
January	4,731	5,353	1,928	8,294	4,476	4,349	1,013	2,403	20,535
February	9,187	11,095	4,029	12,730	7,592	6,785	1,820	3,841	32,768
1974-75 : July to Feb.	62,438	80,222	25,360	121,993	65,501	48,027	21,472	35,638	192,631
1975-76 : July to Feb.	71,873	91,228	32,084	103,065	73,719	59,184	22,497	31,808	200,273

(a) Excludes unsprung bed platforms. (b) Width of 107 cm and under. (c) Width of over 107 cm up to and including 138 cm. (d) Width over 138 cm. (e) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above. (f) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

TABLE 2. - INNER SPRING MATTRESSES
(Number)

Period	N.S.W.			Vic.			Qld		
	(844.22) (a)	(844.25) (b)	(844.27) (c)	(844.22) (a)	(844.25) (b)	(844.27) (c)	(844.22) (a)	(844.25) (b)	(844.27) (c)
1972-73	178,777	100,328	9,960	130,727	68,622	13,200	54,766	39,741	2,673
1973-74	169,550	104,595	13,770	126,750	72,923	18,295	54,762	43,491	4,826
1974-75	136,534	94,832	25,861	117,496	70,448	18,352	41,188	35,524	5,597
1974-75 (d)	135,506	94,434	25,788	115,622	69,532	18,369	41,188	35,524	5,597
1975 -									
January	5,337	4,244	1,406	5,398	3,306	1,028	1,880	1,335	2
February	10,325	7,009	1,853	9,775	5,396	1,627	4,157	3,524	430
March	11,509	7,686	2,415	9,880	5,920	1,753	3,501	3,491	500
April	11,907	7,938	2,150	10,369	6,149	1,831	3,465	3,381	603
May	12,557	8,434	2,239	10,910	6,733	1,265	3,532	3,348	473
June	8,676	7,208	1,984	10,887	6,820	1,780	3,078	2,923	583
July (e)	12,480	8,276	1,439	10,118	6,362	1,807	3,593	3,150	488
August	12,531	8,013	1,613	10,461	6,344	1,936	2,668	2,762	501
September	13,188	8,588	1,874	11,782	6,704	2,148	2,845	3,134	630
October	13,967	9,740	1,721	12,876	7,282	2,266	3,007	3,159	546
November	12,983	9,575	1,799	11,480	7,160	1,972	2,889	2,879	536
December	11,590	7,411	1,439	12,328	6,041	1,804	3,063	2,920	500
1976 -									
January	5,810	3,013	628	4,724	2,206	711	2,404	2,236	332
February	13,330	7,502	1,649	10,950	6,001	1,611	3,384	3,189	635
1974-75 : July to Feb.	91,885	63,566	17,073	75,450	44,826	11,723	27,612	22,381	3,438
1975-76 : July to Feb.	95,879	61,598	12,162	84,719	48,100	14,255	23,853	23,489	4,168
Period	S.A.			W.A. and Tas.			Australia		
	(844.22) (a)	(844.25) (b)	(844.27) (c)	(844.22) (a)	(844.25) (b)	(844.27) (c)	(844.22) (a)	(844.25) (b)	(844.27) (c)
1972-73	43,590	19,588	1,941	49,894	21,510	2,660	457,754	250,289	30,434
1973-74	44,739	20,764	2,724	46,506	25,111	3,617	442,307	266,884	43,232
1974-75	38,537	17,481	2,282	43,384	20,029	3,348	377,139	238,314	55,440
1974-75 (d)	38,472	17,430	2,282	43,351	19,983	3,348	374,139	236,903	55,324
1975 -									
January	2,037	792	130	2,931	1,162	208	17,583	10,839	3,018
February	2,738	1,180	204	3,235	1,545	213	30,230	18,654	4,327
March	3,560	1,269	168	3,565	1,956	291	32,015	20,322	5,127
April	3,822	1,745	225	3,348	1,879	277	32,911	21,092	5,086
May	3,046	1,375	201	4,028	2,025	351	34,073	21,915	4,529
June	3,676	1,588	190	3,537	1,650	338	29,854	20,189	4,875
July (e)	4,112	1,955	246	4,353	1,971	248	34,656	21,714	4,228
August	3,495	2,122	251	3,453	2,041	313	32,608	21,282	4,614
September	3,207	1,608	185	3,827	1,837	377	34,849	21,851	5,214
October	4,560	2,078	252	3,914	1,972	450	38,324	23,731	5,235
November	2,637	1,471	237	3,190	1,681	359	33,179	22,966	4,903
December	3,704	1,496	311	3,605	1,426	400	34,290	19,354	4,454
1976 -									
January	2,030	959	243	2,743	1,421	290	17,711	9,835	2,204
February	3,143	3,033	280	2,775	1,609	353	33,582	21,334	4,528
1974-75 : July to Feb.	24,433	11,504	1,498	28,906	12,519	2,091	248,286	154,796	35,823
1975-76 : July to Feb.	26,888	14,722	2,005	27,860	14,158	2,790	259,199	162,067	35,290

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TABLE 3. — MATTRESSES OTHER THAN INNER SPRING (a), AND STRETCHERS AND FOLDING BEDS
(Number)

Period	Rubber (includes sponge and foam rubber)				Plastic foam and sponge			All other mattresses (includes kapok, fibre, etc.)		
	(844.42)	(b)(844.45)	(c)(844.47)	(d)(844.52)	(b)(844.55)	(c)(844.57)	(d)(844.62)	(b)(844.65)	(c)	(844.67) (d)
1972-73	23,138	12,629	2,758	380,505	61,117	2,388	20,594			1,689
1973-74	22,413	13,474	3,206	488,421	73,562	2,734	14,930			1,052
1974-75	10,429	6,016	1,575	421,185	78,703	3,167	8,843			871
1974-75 (e)	10,429	6,016	1,575	417,992	76,786	3,167	7,639			523
1975 —										
January	492	323	62	22,410	4,835	166	267			37
February	878	544	143	34,967	6,915	160	808			59
March	536	213	37	36,623	7,448	310	563			76
April	434	374	144	37,561	7,568	274	758			100
May	521	361	89	40,057	9,340	344	720			91
June	492	319	73	38,570	8,443	311	274			86
July (f)	890	514	134	37,417	7,743	267	621			57
August	448	352	100	34,265	6,611	221	786			29
September	711	409	152	42,513	7,559	243	573			27
October	600	533	142	37,814	6,619	265	1,426			35
November	875	546	179	36,010	6,662	190	696			43
December	989	467	134	39,452	8,180	347	574			69
1976 —										
January	486	231	82	22,164	4,021	136	267			80
February	682	428	146	33,464	7,824	473	545			33
1974-75 : July to Feb.	8,446	4,749	1,232	268,374	45,904	1,928	6,528			518
1975-76 : July to Feb.	5,681	3,480	1,069	280,099	55,219	2,142	5,488			373

Period	Mattresses other than inner spring (a)						Stretchers and folding beds	
	N.S.W.	Vic	Qld (844.42,45,47,52,55,57,62,65,67)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	Other (incl. camp) (844.71) (844.75)
1972-73	151,409	204,733	60,407	24,720	60,431	3,118	504,818	139,235
1973-74	130,697	249,267	131,798	29,613	75,598	2,819	619,792	159,504
1974-75	90,612	215,248	124,836	31,100	65,126	3,867	550,789	113,848
1974-75 (e)	85,946	213,663	124,836	30,792	65,126	3,764	524,127	113,848
1975 —								
January	3,291	11,973	6,281	1,106	5,675	266	28,592	7,276
February	7,286	16,033	12,124	3,053	5,617	361	44,474	9,813
March	8,238	17,144	11,354	2,484	6,178	408	45,806	9,937
April	6,643	19,740	10,668	3,441	6,363	358	47,213	9,268
May	8,844	22,774	9,197	4,013	6,210	485	51,523	8,676
June	8,219	20,690	10,342	4,208	4,814	295	48,568	7,982
July (f)	7,240	18,979	10,516	4,355	6,063	490	47,643	10,068
August	8,505	16,527	10,254	2,583	4,671	272	42,812	11,148
September	10,198	19,564	13,791	1,824	6,466	344	52,187	13,773
October	6,634	17,408	13,524	2,257	7,286	325	47,434	11,959
November	6,707	15,882	13,387	2,452	6,301	472	45,201	15,331
December	10,881	15,301	13,622	2,340	7,590	478	50,212	13,378
1976 —								
January	4,703	5,639	8,720	1,205	7,091	109	27,467	8,356
February	9,028	12,428	14,888	2,218	4,806	227	43,595	9,331
1974-75 : July to Feb.	58,668	134,900	83,275	16,954	41,561	2,321	337,679	77,985
1975-76 : July to Feb.	63,896	121,728	98,702	19,234	50,274	2,717	356,551	93,344

(a) Excludes pillows, pram mattresses, cushions, camp bags etc. and overlays, camp stretchers and folding sun lounge type mattresses under 7.5cm thick. (b) Width of 107cm and under. (c) Width over 107cm up to and including 138cm. (d) Width over 138cm. (e) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1. (f) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1.

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