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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, MAY 1970 (PRELIMINARY)

Preliminary estimates for May 1970 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for May for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 52 Monthly Production Summaries and the Monthly Bulletin of Production Statistics. Production figures for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory are included from July 1968.

2. This statement includes seasonally adjusted statistics of several commodities. 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 are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1970" (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly.

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1969			Months 1970		
			1967-68	1968-69	March	Apr.	May	March	Apr.	May
1.	Pig iron	'000 tons	(a)5,209	(a)5,722	531	487	494	420	433	530
2.	Ingot steel (b) - Original	" "	(a)6,298	(a)6,599	609	572	548	518	514	596
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	615	611	532	516	550	587
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	(a)5,483	(a)5,749	517	490	494	439	442	489
4.	Tinplate	" "	(a) 254	(a) 256	22.9	21.7	22.2	25.7	19.4	19.7
5.	Gas (c) (available for issue through mains)	mil. therms	312	331	23.3	25.0	31.2	46.2	r48.0	57.2
6.	Electricity	mil. kWh	44,531	48,787	3,929	3,858	4,485	r4,320	r4,403	4,885
	- Original	" "	" "	" "	4,141	4,155	4,200	r4,670	r4,607	4,640
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
7.	Bricks, clay	million	1,440	1,612	141	138	144	140	142	144
	- Original	" "	" "	" "	138	138	133	141	136	138
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	360	316	365	378	371	366
8.	Cement, Portland	'000 tons	3,805	3,978	347	320	337	364	376	339
	- Original	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
9.	Particle board	mil. sq ft	115.6	133.8	12.23	12.13	12.82	(d)	(d)	(d)

(a) Year ended 31 May.

(b) From November 1967 includes continuous cast billets.

(c) From July 1969 includes natural gas.

(d) Not available for publication.

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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, MAY 1970 (PRELIMINARY) - continued

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1969			Months 1970		
			1967-68	1968-69	March	Apr.	May	March	Apr.	May
10.	Plastics and synthetic resins (a)	'000 cwt	2,236	2,666	259	218	202	283	r260	269
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq yd	26,799	29,012	2,472	2,278	2,518	2,626	r3,025	2,682
12.	Acid - Sulphuric - Original	'000 tons	1,892	1,853	178	168	148	151	r131	139
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	165	152	141	141	r120	135
13.	Nitric	ton	35,033	53,935	7,626	7,093	4,836	8,789	8,528	8,295
14.	Refrigerators, domestic - Original	'000	245	271	21.7	18.9	18.7	19.0	19.4	15.7
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	22.6	25.0	20.7	21.5	22.8	18.4
15.	Clothes washing machines, domestic	"	278	303	28.1	26.1	28.8	27.5	30.3	27.8
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	"	522	677	56.3	48.9	56.1	55.8	64.0	52.0
17.	Television sets (b) - Original	"	253	280	22.0	21.3	29.4	26.9	r30.0	29.8
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	22.9	22.2	23.2	28.7	28.9	25.0
18.	Electric motors - Under 1 hp - Original	"	2,773	3,006	245	228	251	242	265	261
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	253	249	248	264	265	266
19.	1 hp and over	"	138	196	17.9	16.2	16.5	13.7	18.7	15.8
20.	Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	"	254	291	21.7	16.8	10.5	25.7	19.5	17.1
21.	Lawn mowers - petrol - rotary type	"	185	209	15.7	11.8	5.1	16.5	11.1	6.2
	Motor vehicles (d) -									
22.	Cars and station wagons	"	330	342	31.1	29.5	33.2	34.0	36.7	34.7
23.	Utilities and panel vans	"	47.5	51.3	3.91	3.88	3.39	4.79	4.92	5.17
24.	Trucks and truck type vehicles	"	23.0	25.8	2.54	2.24	2.59	2.27	r2.51	2.67
	Total motor vehicles - Original	"	401	420	37.6	35.7	39.3	41.2	r44.3	42.6
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	34.5	34.1	34.4	40.3	r37.6	39.9

(a) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only.

(b) Includes combinations with radio etc.

(c) Excludes marine inboard, motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines, but includes engines for outboard motors.

(d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

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No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1969			Months 1970		
			1967-68	1968-69	March	Apr.	May	March	Apr.	May
25.	Yarn (a) - Cotton	'000 lb	60,849	61,114	5,220	5,295	5,864	5,264	5,407	6,159
26.	Wool	" "	53,492	54,016	4,591	4,827	4,573	5,211	r5,355	4,803
27.	Woven cloth (a) Cotton (excl. towelling) - Original	'000 sq yd	59,042	56,708	4,996	4,329	5,034	4,269	4,850	5,548
	Seas. adj.	" " "	..	..	4,670	4,584	4,261	4,330	4,890	4,789
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing) - Original	" " "	23,406	23,607	2,088	2,005	1,856	2,079	r2,096	1,602
	Seas. adj.	" " "	..	..	1,859	2,017	1,891	1,935	r1,956	1,679
29.	Cellulosic fibre	" " "	37,226	36,179	3,063	2,746	3,133	2,717	r3,050	3,344
30.	Synthetic fibre	" " "	27,904	31,726	2,639	2,480	3,264	2,868	r3,112	3,362
31.	Confectionery - Chocolate base	mil. lb	99	107	9.40	9.66	11.53	r8.57	r10.66	10.59
32.	Other	" "	113	114	10.00	8.15	8.97	r10.10	10.12	10.01
33.	Beer (excluding waste) (b) - Original	mil. gal	310	r326	27.8	26.3	25.0	30.2	28.6	24.1
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	26.7	27.9	27.7	28.7	29.7	27.7
34.	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes (c) - Original	'000 lb	58,980	62,363	5,172	5,142	5,231	5,285	6,213	5,071
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	5,098	5,410	5,443	5,456	5,969	5,526

(a) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named.

(b) Includes ale and stout.

(c) Source : Department of Customs and Excise.

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