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GOLD MINING INDUSTRY : APRIL, 1942.

PRODUCTION

The production of gold during the month of April, 1942, amounted to 105,924 fine ounces, valued in Australian currency at £a.1,106,906 or Estg.863,753. Compared with the production of April, 1941, it shows a decreased output of 15,678 ounces.

The following table shows the quantity and value (in Australian and British currency) of the gold produced in each of the main gold-producing States during the months of April, 1941 and 1942.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA : APRIL, 1941 AND 1942.

State	April, 1941 (a)			April, 1942 (a)		
	Quantity fine ozs.	Value		Quantity fine ozs.	Value	
		£a.	Estg.		£a.	Estg.
New South Wales ..	6,045	64,682	51,642	5,556	58,060	46,355
Victoria ..	13,891	148,634	118,669	8,979	93,831	74,914
Queensland ..	7,519	80,453	64,234	8,962	93,653	74,772
Western Australia ..	90,531	968,682	773,395	79,253	828,194	661,230
Other States ..	3,616	38,691	30,691	3,174	33,168	26,482
TOTAL:	121,602	1,301,142	1,036,631	105,924	1,106,906	863,753

(a) Subject to revision.

In the next table, the total quantity and value of gold produced in Australia during the four months ended April, 1942, are compared with the total quantity and value for the same period of the previous year.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA : FOUR MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1941 AND 1942.

State	1941 (a)			1942 (a)		
	Quantity fine ozs.	Value		Quantity fine ozs.	Value	
		£a.	Estg.		£a.	Estg.
New South Wales ..	27,170	290,719	232,111	26,575	277,893	221,869
Victoria ..	50,687	542,351	433,014	37,032	387,250	309,180
Queensland ..	26,833	308,513	246,317	36,729	384,061	306,634
Western Australia ..	355,111	3,799,689	3,033,671	298,584	3,122,528	2,493,026
Other States ..	12,812	133,953	106,949	10,524	110,049	87,864
TOTAL:	472,603	5,075,225	4,052,062	409,444	4,281,781	3,418,573

(a) Subject to revision.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GOLD

Information as to imports and exports of gold must not be divulged or made available for general information under any circumstances whatsoever.

The following tables show particulars of the imports and exports of gold during the months of April, 1941 and 1942 :-

Particulars	Unit of	April, 1941			April, 1942		
		Quantity	Quantity	£a.	Quantity	£a.	Estg.

IMPORTS OF GOLD : AUSTRALIA.

Gold - Bar, Dust, Ingot and Sheet (a)	fine ozs.	10,668	112,239	89,612	8,067	84,877	67,766
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EXPORTS OF GOLD : AUSTRALIA.

Gold - Bar, Dust, Ingot and Sheet (a)	fine ozs.	136,598	1,461,599	1,169,275	-	-	-
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(a) Specie, Nil.

NET EXPORTS OF GOLD IN EXCESS OF NET PRODUCTION : AUSTRALIA.

Particulars	1940-41	10 Months ended April -				Month of April -	
		1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Exports of gold bullion, Specie & Matte	17,696,410	15,495,329	7,350,596	1,169,279			
Gold contents of Ores, concentrates etc.	6,77,171	6,47,598	6,48,048	6,2,340			
Total exports of gold in all forms:	17,773,581	15,543,027	7,398,644	1,172,219			
Imports of gold bullion, Specie & Matte	3,208,211	2,663,902	2,521,551	89,612			
Net exports of gold:	14,565,370	12,879,125	4,877,093	1,082,607			
Production of gold in all forms ..	13,130,562	11,099,371	10,093,317	1,036,631			
Net exports in excess of production:	1,434,808	1,779,754	5,216,224	43,776			

* Roughly estimated. * Subject to revision. * Production in excess of Net Exports.

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The following tables show particulars of Imports and Exports of Gold during the months of April 1941 and April 1942.

IMPORTS.

Country of Origin	April, 1941			April, 1942		
	Fine Oz	£ A.	£ Sdg	Fine Oz	£ A.	£ Sdg
United Kingdom	-	-	-	20	202	161
New Zealand	6828	71,837	57,355	8022	84,407	67,391
Fiji	94	989	790	-	-	-
Papua	1028	10,817	9636	25	268	214
Salomon Islands	224	2,357	1906	-	-	-
Territory of New Guinea	2491	26,209	20,925	-	-	-
Importing State	6496	-	44646	-	-	-
New South Wales	5196	54,667	43646	3542	37,266	29,453
Victoria	5472	57,572	45966	4,500	47,843	34,499
Queensland	-	-	-	25	268	214
Total	10668	112,239	89,612	8067	84,877	67,766

Gold Specie.

		<u>NIL.</u>			<u>NIL.</u>	
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EXPORTS.

Country of Destination	April, 1941			April, 1942		
	Fine Oz	£ A.	£ Sdg	Fine Oz	£ A.	£ Sdg
United States of America	136,598	1,461,599	1,169,279		<u>NIL.</u>	
Isle of Man						
New South Wales	136,598	1,461,599	1,169,279			
Total	136,598	1,461,599	1,169,279			

Gold Specie.

		<u>NIL.</u>			<u>NIL.</u>	
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