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All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. 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 this and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975* (Reference No. 1.10) issued in July 1975.

Period	Acids (in terms of 100% acid)					Sodium Hydroxide (100%) (caustic soda) (407.88)	Sulphate of ammonia (405.36)	Super-phosphate (b)
	Hydro-chloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Chlorine (405.82)			
			Original (401.57)	Seas.ad (a) (401.57)				
	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes -		tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes
1972-73	40,969	162,680	2,265	..	98,787	121,610	227,864	4,918
1973-74	41,385	183,052	2,428	..	111,220	139,220	244,045	5,313
1974-75	41,968	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1974 -								
November	2,137	16,175	179	178	7,550	9,571	22,497	412
December	3,736	12,962	201	192	8,096	10,696	24,257	466
1975 -								
January	3,188	16,085	154	146	8,229	10,632	22,632	249
February	3,417	14,626	140	138	10,842	13,377	22,490	232
March	3,549	9,509	124	134	8,622	11,169	21,985	191
April	2,752	11,776	94	87	9,132	11,967	24,831	116
May	3,370	14,285	69	64	8,272	10,908	22,409	75
June	4,001	15,630	63	63	9,205	11,905	18,864	71
July	5,051	16,950	67	91	8,998	11,454	25,226	69
August	3,742	12,014	73	79	10,694	13,591	23,256	59
September	3,914	15,186	72	70	8,666	9,315	21,088	63
October	3,766	7,907	73	66	10,239	12,396	18,752	84
November	3,499	15,669	109	112	6,567	8,063	12,109	189
December	4,240	19,652	113	105	10,371	12,659	19,577	195
1974-75 : July to Dec.	21,691	92,059	1,126	..	55,000	69,248	133,272	2,375
1975-76 : July to Dec.	24,212	87,378	509	..	55,535	67,478	120,008	658

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Code numbers 415.07 and 405.25. Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate i.e. 22% P_2O_5 equivalent.

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