

EMBARGO: FROM 23 AUGUST 1973



PRODUCTION STATISTICS AUSTRALIA JULY 1973 (PRELIMINARY)

Reference No. 12.15

Preliminary estimates for July 1973 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for July for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 52 "Monthly Production Summaries" (Reference No. 12.16) and the monthly bulletin "Production Statistics" (Reference No. 12.14). Production figures for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory are included.

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. The seasonally adjusted figures have been revised following annual reanalysis. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1973" (Reference No. 1.10).

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1972			Months 1973		
			1971-72	1972-73	May	June	July	May	June	July
1.	Pig iron	'000 tonnes	(a)6,072	(a)7,182	532	497	542	662	533	662
2.	Ingot steel (b) - Original	" "	(a)6,585	(a)7,235	543	491	555	643	486	689
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	529	494	545	626	494	672
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	(a)5,551	(a)6,164	503	440	513	526	427	591
4.	Tinplate	" "	(a) 317	(a) 243	19.6	16.3	15.3	26.4	20.7	28.1
5.	Gas (c) (available for issue through mains)	mil.megajoules	109,770	147,651	11,372	12,741	13,525	13,776	14,714	16,359
6.	Electricity - Original	mil. kWh	60,908	r64,814	5,425	5,706	6,061	r5,891	r5,990	6,380
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	5,035	5,203	5,240	r5,494	r5,484	5,479
7.	Bricks, clay - Original	million	1,750	r 1,874	167	155	147	155	r 165	179
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	149	152	148	138	r 163	173
8.	Cement, Portland- Original	'000 tonnes	4,804	r 5,037	435	429	433	469	r 436	475
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	406	420	406	439	r 427	443
9.	Particle board (3/4" basis)	'000 sq m	14,462	r16,742	1,552	1,400	1,389	1,832	r1,353	1,511

(a) Year ended 31 May.

(b) Includes continuous cast billets.

(c) Includes natural gas.

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No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1972			Months 1973		
			1971-72	1972-73	May	June	July	May	June	July
10.	Plastic and synthetic resins (a)	tonne	212,651	r247,688	20,374	19,732	14,432	r25,648	r24,324	25,080
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq m	34,252	37,797	3,401	3,063	3,019	3,741	r 3,052	3,706
12.	Acid - Sulphuric	- Original Seas. adj.	1,750 ..	2,265 ..	185 175	178 216	125 179	220 213	r 218 257	161 233
13.	Nitric	"	146	163	20.1	9.2	8.6	18.3	15.6	15.7
14.	Refrigerators, domestic	- Original Seas. adj.	258 ..	248 ..	15.8 18.1	17.1 18.7	16.8 18.1	24.5 27.6	19.1 22.1	27.8 29.2
15.	Clothes washing machines - domestic	"	313	r 343	21.9	25.0	26.7	r 34.7	28.0	35.1
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	"	761	r 867	62.1	52.6	57.1	81.5	r 77.0	80.1
17.	Television sets (b)	- Original Seas. adj.	354 ..	383 ..	30.4 25.9	31.5 28.0	29.8 28.0	43.7 36.3	31.8 30.2	41.3 37.4
18.	Electric motors - Under 1 hp	- Original Seas. adj.	r 3,252 ..	r 3,555 ..	r 265 r 251	r 248 r 252	270 267	384 356	r 308 326	375 359
19.	1 hp and over	"	r 224	r 241	r21.0	r18.7	19.2	29.2	22.4	26.0
20.	Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	"	352	r 428	10.4	18.0	25.8	23.3	20.9	37.2
21.	Lawn mowers - petrol - rotary type	"	292	341	5.3	7.2	13.1	13.1	12.6	23.3
22.	Motor vehicles (d) - Cars and station wagons	"	388	r 370	37.3	36.1	32.9	33.6	25.6	31.6
23.	Utilities and panel vans	"	57.8	r63.4	6.25	5.16	5.40	6.05	r4.65	5.78
24.	Trucks and truck type vehicles	"	20.0	20.0	1.94	1.66	1.50	2.07	1.58	2.03
	Total motor vehicles	- Original Seas. adj.	467 ..	r 454 ..	45.7 39.4	43.1 40.3	39.9 38.7	41.9 35.5	r31.9 r31.9	39.4 37.1

- (a) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only.
 (b) Includes combination 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 1972			Months 1973			
			1971-72	1972-73	May	June	July	May	June	July	
25.	Yarn (a) - Cotton	tonne	26,577	r27,483	2,327	2,478	2,149	r2,802	r2,714	2,838	
26.	Wool	"	28,031	r27,315	2,888	2,491	2,805	r2,784	r1,973	2,550	
27.	Woven cloth (a) - Cotton (excl. towelling)	- Original	'000 sq m	47,121	r45,165	4,047	4,481	3,891	r4,330	r4,378	4,278
		Seas. adj.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing)	- Original	"	13,714	r14,208	1,323	1,028	1,100	r1,219	r 838	1,423
		Seas. adj.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
29.	Cellulosic fibre	"	21,088	r23,001	1,868	2,450	1,754	r2,177	r2,302	2,086	
30.	Synthetic fibre	"	55,084	r87,588	6,369	6,901	6,680	r8,551	r7,796	8,465	
31.	Confectionery - Chocolate base	tonne	52,262	r49,630	6,195	5,338	4,909	5,753	4,848	5,766	
32.	Other	"	58,751	r60,342	4,880	4,865	5,261	5,135	r5,437	6,076	
33.	Beer (excluding waste) (b)	- Original	mil. litres	1,662	1,745	140	116	121	r 151	99	145
		Seas. adj.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
34.	Tobacco & cigarettes (c)	- Original	tonne	29,999	29,718	2,260	2,439	2,718	2,674	2,574	(d)
		Seas. adj.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(d)

(a) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named.

(b) Includes ale and stout.

(c) Source: Department of Customs and Excise.

(d) Not yet available.

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