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PRODUCTION STATISTICS AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1973 (PRELIMINARY)

Reference No. 12.15

Preliminary estimates for November 1973 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for November 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 for 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 1973" (Reference No. 1.10).

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1972			Months 1973		
			1971-72	1972-73	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
1.	Pig iron	'000 tonnes	(a) 6,072	(a) 7,182	576	626	629	640	682	648
2.	Ingot steel (b) - Original	" "	(a) 6,585	(a) 7,235	605	645	655	677	705	669
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	601	617	640	687 r	674	639
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	(a) 5,551	(a) 6,164	523	521	555	587	553	565
4.	Tinplate	" "	(a) 317	(a) 243	13.7	18.4	20.7	28.1	27.3	27.2
5.	Gas (c) (available for issue through mains)	mil.megajoules	109,770	147,651	12,079	12,342	11,100	14,012	14,369 r	12,739
6.	Electricity - Original	mil.kWh	59,501	64,802	5,242	5,408	5,114	5,757 r	5,639	5,383
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	5,116	5,386	5,387	5,726 r	5,524	5,662
7.	Bricks, clay - Original	million	1,744	1,874	167	166	168	172	184	174
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	160	157	156	172	168	161
8.	Cement, Portland- Original	'000 tonnes	4,884	5,037	428	443	461	445	516	494
	Seas. adj.	" "	" "	" "	415	408	420	438	472	447
9.	Particle board ($\frac{3}{4}$ " basis)	'000 sq m	13,454	17,784	1,397	1,403	1,637	1,906	1,954	1,956

- (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	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
10.	Plastic and synthetic resins (a)	tonne	204,770	249,832	21,232	21,714	20,289	27,107	r26,297	20,110
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq m	34,698	r37,991	r 3,491	r 3,461	3,423	r 3,921	r 3,937	3,822
12.	Acid - Sulphuric	- Original '000 tonnes	1,756	2,265	163	195	173	217	167	182
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	142	179	175	197	149	182
13.	Nitric	" "	140	163	12.3	15.5	13.4	18.2	9.7	17.2
14.	Refrigerators, domestic	- Original '000	263	248	21.2	22.0	25.7	23.4	22.2	26.5
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	19.0	19.5	19.9	21.7	18.7	21.0
15.	Clothes washing machines - domestic	"	312	343	30.0	30.3	33.3	35.5	34.2	35.1
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	"	770	867	77.4	86.9	95.6	107.3	r 114.5	119.1
17.	Television sets (b)	- Original	361	384	32.9	33.1	36.4	36.4	40.0	44.3
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	30.5	30.5	31.9	35.4	35.9	38.3
18.	Electric motors - Under 1 hp	- Original	3,241	3,555	278	313	355	410	r 421	429
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	266	271	275	405	r 349	342
19.	1 hp and over	"	224	241	18.6	21.5	21.3	22.9	r 23.8	28.0
20.	Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	"	352	428	38.2	44.9	48.2	43.5	50.4	49.0
21.	Lawn mowers - petrol - rotary type	"	293	341	35.7	41.1	42.8	39.9	45.3	42.3
	Motor vehicles (d) -									
22.	Cars and station wagons	"	392	370	32.1	35.1	33.7	35.7	37.5	32.0
23.	Utilities and panel vans	"	56.7	63.4	6.09	5.46	5.27	6.33	r 5.03	4.74
24.	Trucks and truck type vehicles	"	22.3	20.0	1.80	1.67	1.87	1.71	r 1.86	1.90
	Total motor vehicles	- Original	473	454	40.0	42.3	41.0	44.0	44.5	38.6
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	38.9	39.0	36.1	43.3	39.0	35.3

(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	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
25.	Yarn (a) - Cotton	'000 kg	27,763	27,483	2,637	2,279	2,361	2,675	2,743	2,923
26.	Wool	"	27,812	r27,328	2,627	2,739	2,471	2,177	2,339	2,002
27.	Woven cloth (a) - Cotton (excl. towelling)	'000 sq m	47,147	45,135	4,364	3,724	3,794	4,320	3,781	4,939
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	3,704	3,505	3,569	4,075	3,445	4,313
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing)	" "	13,870	14,208	1,265	1,247	1,574	1,100	1,087	1,207
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	1,276	1,146	1,195	1,133	940	955
29.	Cellulosic fibre	" "	22,814	23,005	2,197	2,068	2,068	r2,237	2,187	2,288
30.	Synthetic fibre	" "	41,816	87,835	8,097	7,152	7,740	r7,971	9,148	9,629
31.	Confectionery - Chocolate base	'000 kg	53,052	49,633	3,706	4,113	3,879	4,896	4,988	4,940
32.	Other	"	59,105	60,342	5,741	5,877	5,650	5,589	5,358	5,833
33.	Beer (excluding waste) (b)	mil. litres	1,665	1,745	144	158	166	129	174	180
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	148	144	144	137	152	158
34.	Tobacco & cigarettes (c)	'000 kg	32,350	29,718	2,390	2,824	2,516	2,327	2,901	(d)
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	2,516	2,512	2,413	2,587	2,517	(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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