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AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION STATISTICS

MONTHLY STATEMENT NO. 1.

JUNE, 1947

The attached statement is the first of a series to be issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) of the monthly production in Australia of certain commodities, and includes items under the following general headings -

Power,
Fuel and Light,
Metals,
Foodstuffs,
Other Consumer Goods, and
Building Materials and Fittings.

This statement will be published as at the end of each month, showing figures of the production of each of the commodities listed up to the latest available month. The scope of the statement will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available. The second column in the table indicates, for each commodity, the authority responsible for the present collection of the relevant statistics.

Speed in publication of these details will increase their value, but may also necessitate subsequent revision of some of the latest. Future statements will contain revisions made up to the date of publication.

QUANTITY OF PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES IN AUSTRALIA

2.

Commodity	Collect- ing Auth- ority(a)	Unit	MONTHLY AVERAGE								MONTHLY TOTAL			
			1938-39	1945		1946		1947						
				Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Jan- uary	Feb- ruary	March	Apri.	
<u>POWER, FUEL AND LIGHT</u>														
Black Coal (b)	J.C.B.	'000 tons	235	265	217	240	247	282	302	182(f)	255	266	N.A.	
Energy supplied for all purposes except traction - Melbourne (c)	C.S.	million K.W.H.	50.33	90.2	72.5	73.7	85.7	92.1	80.1	69.9	72.8	79.9	80.9	
Energy generated for all purposes except traction - Tasmania	S.S.	"	47.0	73.3	63.3	62.5	70.9	69.9	64.8	60.4	56.4	64.1	62.9	
Gas and Electricity (Sydney)	S.S.	(d)	126	180	159	177	193	197	194	170	201	199	198	
<u>METALS</u>														
Gold	M.D.	'000 fine oz.	134.2	60.4	55.4	53.4	60.4	84.3	76.6	77.7	67.6	67.0	67.0	
Zinc, refined	C.S.	'000 tons	5.82	7.11	6.28	6.50	6.94	6.22	5.78	5.78	5.61	5.51	5.50	
Pig-iron	"	(e)	1124	1228	293	877	1148	1173	1173	1166	1301	908	N.A.	
Ingot Steel	"	(e)	1032	1144	254	1031	1119	1152	1155	1062	1108	850	N.A.	
<u>FOODSTUFFS</u>														
Butter (Factory only)	C.D.P.	'000 tons	16.2	8.7	16.1	14.4	9.2	9.0	14.8	13.3	12.7	13.3	10.7	
Cheese (" ")	"	" "	2.41	2.66	5.06	3.40	2.49	3.11	5.32	3.71	2.75	2.76	2.46	
Meat (Bone-in-Weight) -														
Bacon and Ham (cured Weight)	C.S.	" "	2.77	3.94	4.14	4.02	3.89	4.15	4.07	3.50	3.22	3.52	N.A.	
Beef (including Veal)	"	" "	46.6	39.9	32.2	31.3	28.5	48.8	33.7	26.8	30.0	31.0	N.A.	
Lamb	"	" "	9.54	6.37	10.99	5.58	8.11	9.03	16.67	8.55	6.12	5.04	N.A.	
Mutton	"	" "	17.1	15.3	17.9	16.6	17.3	19.3	17.1	15.5	15.2	11.9	N.A.	
Pork	"	" "	3.09	3.00	3.14	2.73	2.64	2.86	2.59	2.17	2.06	2.57	N.A.	
Wheaten Flour (b)	"	'000 short tons	26.4	18.0	17.3	26.7	31.2	31.2	26.2	24.1	30.5	30.6	26.4	
<u>OTHER CONSUMER GOODS</u>														
Beer	C.S.	million gallons	7.4	8.7	9.0	9.6	10.1	11.4	11.1	11.1	10.8	11.4	10.4	
Tobacco and Cigarettes	"	Mill.lb.	1.92	N.A.	N.A.	2.01	2.12	2.41	2.44	2.07	2.48	2.53	N.A.	

(a) See page 3 for key to abbreviations

(b) Weekly average.

(c) Includes all central generating stations.

N.A. - Not Available.

(d) Index of sales, with seasonal variations removed by adopting as base for each month the average sales in the corresponding months of the three years 1929 to 1931.

(e) Index of production, Base - Average three years ended June, 1939=1000.

(f) Average of six weeks' production

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<u>BUILDING MATERIALS</u>														
Bricks	B.M.S.	million	60.0	18.0	21.1	26.1	33.2	39.4	39.9	30.8	39.2	40.0	42.8	
Cement Building Sheets	W. & H.	Mill.sq.yd.	0.79	1.22	1.14	1.43	1.50	1.57	1.67	1.21	1.73	1.75	1.59	
Cement, Portland	"	'000 tons	72.3	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	69.1	72.2	78.2	67.8	69.6	73.2	72.1	
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	B.M.C.	Mill.sq.yd.	0.634	0.278	0.279	0.469	0.564	0.629	0.656	0.717	0.831	0.772	N.A.	
Roofing Tiles (Terra Cotta)	"	million	3.31	1.13	1.66	2.31	2.71	3.09	3.00	2.56	3.05	3.19	N.A.	
Sawn Native Timber	F.A.	Million sup. ft.	59.8	70.0	73.7	67.3	75.0	81.5	83.9	66.6	77.4	N.A.	N.A.	
<u>BUILDING FITTINGS</u>														
Basins - Ferrous Casting	W. & H.	'000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	2.46	3.03	3.77	2.59	1.84	1.92	2.19	2.32	
Sanitary Earthen- ware	"	"	"	"	"	1.58	1.45	1.88	2.10	1.86	2.19	1.95	1.87	
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	"	"	"	"	"	5.47	5.87	8.36	4.06	2.39	4.73	4.99	7.16	
Gas	"	"	"	"	"	1.93	2.39	2.67	2.51	1.70	2.37	3.83	3.31	
Baths - Ferrous Casting	"	"	"	"	"	2.99	4.19	5.11	3.82	2.37	2.44	2.69	2.85	
Coppers - Solid Fuel	"	"	"	"	"	2.04	5.47	6.86	8.49	6.06	5.57	6.61	6.38	
Gas	"	"	"	"	"	1.37	1.80	2.10	1.87	1.73	1.83	2.09	2.38	
Pans - Sanitary Earthen- ware	"	"	"	"	"	5.77	6.07	6.18	5.68	6.15	6.62	6.53	6.63	
Sinks - Ferrous Castings	"	"	"	"	"	2.17	3.75	4.15	3.36	1.80	2.35	2.62	2.88	
Sanitary Earthen- ware	"	"	"	"	"	0.21	0.17	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.31	0.28	0.21	
Stoves - Solid Fuel	"	"	4.54	"	"	3.32	3.34	4.81	3.37	1.92	2.11	2.02	2.83	
Gas	"	"	3.69	"	"	2.34	2.64	3.15	2.26	1.08	1.67	1.47	2.20	
Electric	"	"	0.73	"	"	0.62	0.68	0.97	0.88	0.40	0.58	0.81	0.92	
(a) B.M.C. - State Building Material Control Board														

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 C.D.P. - Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalization Committee Ltd.
 C.S. - Commonwealth Statistician.
 F.A. - Forest Authorities.
 J.C.B. - Joint Coal Board.
 M.D. - State Department of Mines.
 S.S. - State Statistician.
 W. & H. - Commonwealth Department of Works and Housing.

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