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PRODUCTION STATISTICS AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 1973 (PRELIMINARY)

Reference No. 12.15

Preliminary estimates for September 1973 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for September 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. 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	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
1.	Pig iron	'000 tonnes	(a)6,072	(a)7,182	542	553	576	662	673	**640**
2.	Ingot steel (b) - Original	" "	(a)6,585	(a)7,235	555	626	605	689	r692	**676**
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	545	601	601	672	r661	**687**
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	(a)5,551	(a)6,164	513	529	523	591	560	**587**
4.	Tinplate	" "	(a) 317	(a) 243	15.3	17.2	13.7	28.1	26.8	**28.1**
5.	Gas (c) (available for issue through mains)	mil.megajoules	109,770	147,651	13,525	13,497	12,079	16,536	r15,903	**14,353**
6.	Electricity - Original	mil.kWh	r59,501	64,814	6,061	5,846	5,242	6,379	r 6,365	**5,760**
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	5,240	5,194	5,116	5,478	r5,650	**5,729**
7.	Bricks, clay - Original	million	r1,744	1,874	147	162	167	183	186	**170**
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	148	145	160	176	169	**170**
8.	Cement, Portland - Original	'000 tonnes	r4,884	5,037	433	442	428	478	r419	**444**
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	406	414	415	445	r390	**437**
9.	Particle board ($\frac{1}{4}$" basis)	'000 sq m	r13,454	16,742	1,389	1,599	1,397	1,511	r2,045	**1,906**

(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	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
10.	Plastic and synthetic resins (a)	tonne	r204,770	249,832	14,432	15,734	21,232	r26,960	26,394	28,052
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq m	r34,698	r37,909	3,019	3,325	3,480	3,752	4,050	3,914
12.	Acid - Sulphuric - Original	'000 tonnes	r1,756	2,265	125	148	163	160	201	217
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	179	165	142	232	223	197
13.	Nitric	" "	r140	163	8.6	14.9	12.3	15.7	20.0	18.2
14.	Refrigerators, domestic - Original	'000	r263	248	16.8	21.0	21.2	27.8	28.0	23.4
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	18.1	18.3	19.0	29.2	24.4	21.7
15.	Clothes washing machines - domestic	"	r312	343	26.7	28.5	30.0	35.1	34.7	35.5
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	"	r770	867	57.1	62.8	77.4	80.0	107.7	104.8
17.	Television sets (b) - Original	"	r361	383	29.8	33.9	32.9	41.3	43.9	36.4
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	28.0	29.3	30.5	37.4	37.5	35.4
18.	Electric motors - Under 1 hp - Original	"	r3,241	3,555	270	303	278	395	r442	391
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	267	261	266	377	r383	387
19.	1 hp and over	"	224	241	19.2	17.3	18.6	r26.1	26.1	22.9
20.	Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	"	352	428	25.8	38.3	38.2	37.2	49.0	44.2
21.	Lawn mowers - petrol - rotary type	"	r293	341	13.1	28.7	35.7	23.2	r38.1	39.6
	Motor vehicles (d) -									
22.	Cars and station wagons	"	r392	370	32.9	37.1	32.1	31.6	40.2	35.8
23.	Utilities and panel vans	"	r56.7	63.4	5.40	5.48	6.09	5.78	7.04	6.33
24.	Trucks and truck type vehicles	"	r22.3	20.0	1.50	1.79	1.80	r2.03	2.13	1.71
	Total motor vehicles - Original	"	r473	454	39.9	44.6	40.0	39.5	r49.5	43.8
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	38.7	38.1	38.9	37.2	r42.7	43.1

(a) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering 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	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
25.	Yarn (a) - Cotton		'000 kg	r27,763	27,483	2,149	2,302	2,637	2,838	r3,307	2,691
26.	Wool		"	r27,812	r27,340	2,805	2,679	2,627	r2,399	r2,462	2,191
	Woven cloth (a) -										
27.	Cotton (excl. towelling)	- Original	'000 sq m	r47,147	r45,135	r3,881	r4,072	4,364	4,327	r5,315	4,277
		Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	r3,767	r3,731	3,704	4,193	r4,516	4,034
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing)	- Original	" "	r13,870	14,208	1,100	r1,278	1,265	1,084	r1,047	1,065
		Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	1,305	r1,280	1,276	1,219	r1,081	1,097
29.	Cellulosic fibre		" "	r22,814	r23,005	1,754	1,945	2,197	2,086	r2,399	2,238
30.	Synthetic fibre		" "	r41,816	r87,835	r6,711	r7,492	8,097	8,518	r10,492	9,510
31.	Confectionery - Chocolate base		'000 kg	r53,052	49,633	4,909	4,641	3,706	5,761	5,682	4,874
32.	Other		"	r59,105	60,342	5,261	5,589	5,741	5,921	5,623	5,514
33.	Beer (excluding waste) (b)	- Original	mil. litres	r1,665	1,745	121	128	144	145	151	118
		Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	144	132	148	166	157	125
34.	Tobacco & cigarettes (c)	- Original	'000 kg	r32,350	29,718	2,718	2,259	2,390	3,177	2,942	(d)
		Seas. adj.	"	..	..	2,419	2,076	2,516	2,678	2,685	(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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