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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 8 : LAWNMOWERS AUSTRALIA : FEBRUARY 1976

All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of petrol, rotary type lawnmowers. 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* (Reference No. 1.10) issued in July 1975.

As from February 1976 production statistics are no longer being collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on in a minor way some manufacturing.

However, except for a few commodities, the effect on production levels and movements is marginal. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis. Monthly data from July 1976 to January 1976 have also been adjusted on the new basis.

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	Petrol, rotary (under-cut) type		*Total*			
Period	*With 2 stroke engine (699.52)*	*With 4 stroke engine (699.53)*	*Original*	*Seasonally adjusted (b)*	*Other types (a) (699.41,.45,.61)*	*Total*
1972-73	299,066	41,715	340,781	..	15,900	356,681
1973-74	369,662	56,137	425,799	..	22,553	448,352
1974-75	250,458	48,295	298,753	..	18,858	317,611
1974-75 (c)	250,334	47,791	298,125	..	18,858	316,983
1975 –						
January	5,591	4,648	10,239	10,846	368	10,607
February	6,311	4,053	10,364	10,707	889	11,253
March	10,358	5,163	15,521	16,277	1,153	16,674
April	14,374	2,375	16,749	21,972	469	17,218
May	8,930	1,683	10,613	26,678	513	11,126
June	8,445	2,987	11,432	28,031	900	12,332
July (d)	24,183	2,750	26,933	36,506	1,691	28,624
August	24,355	4,543	28,898	22,442	1,559	30,457
September	33,678	5,997	39,675	26,334	1,759	41,434
October	43,422	8,683	52,105	32,729	2,435	54,540
November	35,639	8,941	44,580	29,941	3,033	47,613
December	24,964	6,161	31,125	32,738	1,530	32,655
1976 –						
January	16,186	6,698	22,884	24,345	293	23,177
February	19,902	8,778	28,680	29,664	1,900	30,580
1974-75 : July to Feb.	208,351	36,087	244,438	..	15,823	260,261
1975-76 : July to Feb.	222,329	52,551	274,850	..	14,200	289,080

(a) Includes petrol cylinder, electric and hand lawn mowers but excludes tractor drawn (non-agricultural) lawn mowers. (b) See note at top of page. (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. *See* explanatory notes above. (d) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. *See* explanatory notes above.

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