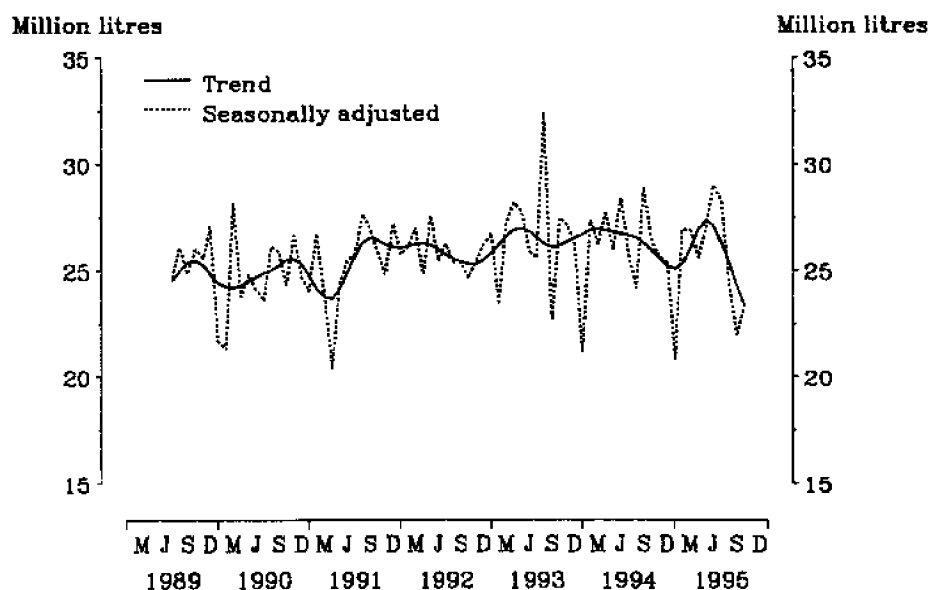


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS, OCTOBER 1995

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DOMESTIC WINE SALES



Domestic sales

The trend estimate of total domestic sales fell by 3.9% in October 1995. This is a continuation of a fall in the sales trend which commenced in June 1995, after four months trend growth.

In seasonally adjusted terms, total domestic sales of Australian wine for October 1995 were 23.3 million litres, an increase of 6.6% on September 1995. This increase was not sufficient to arrest the decline in the trend series evident since June 1995. It would require an increase in the seasonally adjusted series of around 25% in November 1995 (more than three times the average monthly movement) for the trend series to flatten out. Readers are reminded that recent trend estimates are provisional and could change when data for future months become available.

In original terms, there were 24.1 million litres of wine sold domestically during October 1995, an increase of 8.6% on September 1995 and a fall of 11.4% on October 1994.

Exports

A record total of 14.8 million litres of Australian wine was exported from Australia in September 1995. The value of total wine was also a record monthly total of \$50.5 million. This is 40.9% more in volume than August 1995 and 38.4% more in value.

For the three months to September 1995, 35.6 million litres were exported, 2.2% less than for the corresponding period in 1994.

The decline in the volume of Australian wine exports for the three months to September 1995 was largely due to a fall of 22.5% or 1.3 million litres in exports to the Oceania region and a fall of 4.6% or 1.1 million litres to Europe when compared with the same period in 1994. These falls were largely offset by a rise in exports of wine to North America by 24.8% or 1.2 million litres for the same periods. The countries buying the largest quantities of Australian wine in September 1995 were United Kingdom (51.7% of all exports), United States of America (11.2%), New Zealand (11.0%) and Sweden (6.9%).

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *(continued)*

Imports

Australia imported 2.6 million litres of wine in September 1995 at a cost of \$6.2 million. This was the highest value imported since December 1994 and the highest monthly volume recorded since import data were first recorded in this publication in May 1986. Imports for the nine months to September 1995 were 134.7% higher in terms of volume and 41.6% higher in value when compared with the corresponding period in 1994.

A comparison of domestic wine sales (original data) for ten months ended October 1994 and 1995 follows. Care should be exercised when interpreting year-to-date figures as measures of trend growth because year-to-date figures do not accurately reflect changes in trend sales. See paragraph 12 in Explanatory Notes.

Wine type	10 months ended October		Percentage change
	1994	1995	
	'000L	'000L	
Table			
White - bottles 1 litre and under	38,426	39,555	2.9
White - other containers	108,813	102,904	-5.4
<i>Total white</i>	<i>147,239</i>	<i>142,459</i>	<i>-3.2</i>
Red - bottles 1 litre and under	23,364	25,492	9.1
Red - other containers	25,813	22,781	-11.7
<i>Total red</i>	<i>49,177</i>	<i>48,273</i>	<i>-1.8</i>
Rosé - bottles 1 litre and under	433	416	-3.9
Rosé - other containers	3,389	3,394	0.1
<i>Total rosé</i>	<i>3,822</i>	<i>3,810</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Total table wine	200,238	194,542	-2.8
Fortified	21,732	21,185	-2.5
Sparkling			
Bottle fermented	16,359	14,861	-9.2
Bulk fermented	3,152	3,829	21.5
<i>Total sparkling wine</i>	<i>19,511</i>	<i>18,690</i>	<i>-4.2</i>
Other	5,184	4,877	-5.9
TOTAL WINE SALES	246,665	239,294	-3.0

For the ten months ended October 1995, domestic sales have decreased by 3.0% over the corresponding period to October 1994. Sales by wine type and container type show marked variations as highlighted below.

- White table wine sales were down by 3.2%; this decrease can be attributed to a fall of 5.4% in sales of other containers partly offset by a rise of 2.9% in bottle sales.
- Red table wine decreased by 1.8%. This resulted from a fall in other containers of 11.7% being almost offset by a rise in bottle sales of 9.1%.
- Rosé wine sales decreased by 0.3% with a rise of 0.1% in other containers being offset by a fall of 3.9% in bottle sales.

Sparkling wine sales were down by 4.2%, with bottle fermented sparkling wine falling by 9.2% but bulk fermented sparkling wine increasing by 21.5%. Fortified wine decreased by 2.5% while other wine fell by 5.9%.

TABLE 1. DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

Period	Wine type						Total wine		Trend estimate	Brandy(b)
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Carbonated	Flavoured (a)	Vermouth	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	('000 litres)									('000L al)
1992-93	246,308	28,420	29,971	3,256	2,845	1,281	312,081	..	..	1,312
1993-94	254,702	27,026	30,598	3,525	2,426	1,258	319,534	..	..	1,301
1994-95	251,586	27,000	28,000	3,434	2,218	1,119	313,357	..	..	1,188
1994-95—										
August	18,972	2,294	1,395	185	188	72	23,106	24,135	26,535	97
September	23,351	2,416	2,869	342	176	91	29,244	28,892	26,270	88
October	21,295	2,016	3,285	326	212	104	27,238	26,298	25,890	115
November	23,700	2,799	3,629	441	235	110	30,914	25,589	25,501	127
December	26,610	2,467	5,899	571	213	138	35,899	25,320	25,163	111
January	10,995	1,153	970	144	109	105	13,476	20,766	25,043	89
February	19,208	1,482	1,302	238	114	82	22,425	26,921	25,311	96
March	19,996	1,818	1,798	239	159	99	24,109	26,840	26,053	87
April	19,863	2,262	1,763	162	177	81	24,309	25,559	r26,911	84
May	20,150	2,612	1,571	221	225	67	24,846	26,989	r27,311	98
June	23,192	2,967	1,589	319	217	99	28,382	28,968	r27,067	102
1995-96										
July	26,697	3,179	1,959	241	249	83	32,409	28,296	r26,278	118
August	18,405	2,292	1,818	253	146	67	22,982	24,291	r25,274	117
September	17,434	1,613	2,708	265	123	76	22,219	21,882	r24,236	64
October	18,600	1,806	3,214	234	213	69	24,137	23,325	23,296	n.y.a.
1994-95—										
July to October	87,871	9,440	9,480	1,099	771	337	108,998	..	..	306
1995-96—										
July to October	81,137	8,891	9,698	993	732	296	101,746	..	..	n.y.a.

(a) Includes wine cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines. (b) Quantities on which excise duty was paid.

TABLE 2. DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED AND SPARKLING WINE AND VERMOUTH BY WINEMAKERS
(^{'000} litres)

Period	Fortified wine						Sparkling wine(a)		Vermouth	
	Sherry			Dessert wine		Other (c)	Bottle fermentation	Bulk fermentation	Dry	Sweet
	Dry	Medium (b)	Sweet	Port	Muscat					
1992-93	2,117	2,500	6,829	15,545	1,257	172	25,252	4,719	581	700
1993-94	1,889	2,318	6,133	15,383	1,180	124	26,305	4,293	564	694
1994-95	1,833	2,331	5,947	15,634	1,104	151	23,629	4,371	494	624
1994-95—										
August	165	170	446	1,395	108	11	1,086	310	34	38
September	152	206	538	1,397	109	14	2,509	360	38	53
October	149	187	446	1,131	89	14	2,815	470	n.p.	n.p.
November	204	236	614	1,630	102	13	3,140	490	50	60
December	156	202	502	1,482	105	18	5,157	743	n.p.	n.p.
January	70	133	251	642	46	11	774	196	n.p.	n.p.
February	138	154	388	724	66	11	1,033	269	33	49
March	123	149	425	1,063	56	3	1,453	345	44	55
April	144	185	482	1,346	88	17	1,480	283	38	43
May	178	229	576	1,516	99	15	1,276	294	26	41
June	186	223	615	1,805	123	15	1,307	281	44	56
1995-96—										
July	218	292	649	1,891	120	10	1,568	391	39	44
August	214	257	505	1,215	92	9	1,504	314	28	39
September	118	146	325	953	64	8	2,011	696	35	42
October	140	154	419	1,003	81	8	2,454	760	30	39
1994-95—										
July to October	634	818	2,095	5,427	419	48	8,009	1,471	n.p.	n.p.
1995-96—										
July to October	690	849	1,899	5,062	356	35	7,537	2,161	132	164

(a) Spritzig table wines are included with table wine. (b) Includes semi-sweet and medium dry. (c) Includes madeira, tokay, white port.

TABLE 3. DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE
(^{'000 litres})

Period	WHITE WINE NOT EXCEEDING 1 DEGREE BAUMÉ(a)					WHITE WINE EXCEEDING 1 DEGREE BAUMÉ(a)				
	Glass containers					Glass containers				
	<i>1 litre and under</i>	<i>Over 1 litre</i>	<i>Soft pack(b)</i>	<i>Bulk(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1 litre and under</i>	<i>Over 1 litre</i>	<i>Soft pack(b)</i>	<i>Bulk(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>
1992-93	41,243	1,319	120,534	4,784	167,880	2,856	203	15,405	61	18,525
1993-94	45,025	1,146	117,172	5,145	168,488	3,110	179	20,590	87	23,967
1994-95	49,063	964	110,435	3,730	164,192	2,794	n.p.	18,888	n.p.	21,970
1994-95—										
August	3,627	73	7,468	198	11,365	205	12	1,344	8	1,569
September	4,178	94	9,796	327	14,395	259	n.p.	2,017	n.p.	2,300
October	4,360	80	9,142	411	13,993	254	n.p.	1,508	n.p.	1,779
November	5,043	90	10,292	595	16,020	275	11	1,812	9	2,108
December	5,681	111	11,997	687	18,477	394	n.p.	2,043	n.p.	2,470
January	2,324	68	4,893	301	7,586	159	29	890	7	1,085
February	3,775	82	9,603	234	13,693	230	n.p.	1,512	n.p.	1,758
March	4,023	69	9,012	212	13,317	188	18	1,657	12	1,874
April	3,978	64	8,859	193	13,094	195	n.p.	1,361	n.p.	1,577
May	3,892	64	8,914	195	13,065	189	n.p.	1,360	n.p.	1,572
June	4,321	79	10,393	172	14,966	220	n.p.	1,710	n.p.	1,960
1995-96—										
July	4,246	65	12,022	270	16,602	274	n.p.	1,702	n.p.	1,999
August	3,328	56	7,065	321	10,770	200	n.p.	1,276	n.p.	1,498
September	3,502	53	7,005	233	10,793	176	n.p.	1,340	n.p.	1,532
October	4,126	62	7,668	245	12,101	209	n.p.	1,389	n.p.	1,616
1994-95—										
July to October	16,026	336	36,472	1,140	53,973	943	n.p.	6,543	n.p.	7,567
1995-96—										
July to October	15,202	235	33,759	1,069	50,266	859	n.p.	5,706	n.p.	6,646

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE - continued
(^{'000 litres})

Period	RED					ROSE				
	Glass containers					Glass containers				
	<i>1 litre and under</i>	<i>Over 1 litre</i>	<i>Soft pack(b)</i>	<i>Bulk(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1 litre and under</i>	<i>Over 1 litre</i>	<i>Soft pack(b)</i>	<i>Bulk(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>
1992-93	25,268	464	28,677	642	55,051	n.p.	118	4,107	n.p.	4,852
1993-94	27,575	444	28,399	942	57,359	578	n.p.	4,178	n.p.	4,888
1994-95	30,013	591	29,453	576	60,633	570	116	4,094	12	4,792
1994-95—										
August	2,633	36	2,973	44	5,686	n.p.	8	307	n.p.	352
September	2,609	50	3,417	125	6,201	46	n.p.	397	n.p.	456
October	2,195	61	2,797	53	5,107	51	n.p.	356	n.p.	417
November	2,556	50	2,482	61	5,149	63	n.p.	349	n.p.	423
December	2,653	54	2,409	32	5,149	84	n.p.	418	n.p.	514
January	1,153	21	940	13	2,128	30	n.p.	156	n.p.	197
February	1,718	36	1,634	26	3,414	39	n.p.	294	n.p.	343
March	2,428	35	1,942	23	4,429	45	n.p.	320	n.p.	376
April	2,587	50	2,151	23	4,810	52	n.p.	320	n.p.	382
May	2,554	51	2,485	50	5,140	28	n.p.	334	n.p.	374
June	3,288	87	2,331	77	5,783	40	n.p.	432	n.p.	484
1995-96—										
July	3,893	41	3,474	37	7,445	62	n.p.	581	n.p.	651
August	2,964	43	2,737	46	5,790	38	n.p.	297	n.p.	347
September	2,422	50	2,282	32	4,786	37	n.p.	278	n.p.	323
October	2,485	42	2,002	21	4,549	46	n.p.	279	n.p.	334
1994-95—										
July to October	11,076	206	13,079	271	24,633	189	n.p.	1,470	n.p.	1,700
1995-96—										
July to October	11,763	177	10,494	136	22,570	182	n.p.	1,435	n.p.	1,655

(a) 1 degree baumé = 18 grams of sugar per litre. (b) Soft pack containers include all collapsible packs, plastic or otherwise. (c) Bulk includes rigid containers (plastic, steel, wood), tankers and cans.

**TABLE 4. WINE AND BRANDY: IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION AND EXPORTS
OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE**

Period	Wine type				Total wine		Brandy	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000	'000L al	\$'000
IMPORTS CLEARED								
1992-93	4,833	106	2,346	546	7,832	46,984	629	8,085
1993-94	4,432	152	2,301	1,456	8,341	47,637	634	8,243
1994-95	9,398	272	3,065	1,322	14,057	61,057	590	7,266
1994-95—								
July	396	39	208	113	755	3,595	52	467
August	489	8	215	114	827	4,301	60	794
September	533	9	133	223	898	4,065	48	568
October	692	58	281	150	1,182	5,742	56	615
November	1,134	38	601	104	1,876	8,738	69	790
December	642	49	356	199	1,246	7,384	76	1,043
January	663	20	212	55	951	4,508	36	564
February	1,109	4	267	81	1,461	4,256	44	563
March	1,780	9	216	68	2,072	4,482	32	420
April	669	10	323	65	1,066	5,417	34	412
May	796	17	149	71	1,034	4,673	52	570
June	497	9	104	78	688	3,897	31	461
1995-96—								
July	1,206	4	131	99	1,440	3,975	46	556
August	2,109	5	193	90	2,396	15,370	52	684
September	2,293	7	253	74	2,627	6,230	44	651
1994-95—								
July to September	1,417	57	556	450	2,480	11,960	160	1,828
1995-96—								
July to September	5,609	16	576	263	6,464	15,574	143	1,891
EXPORTS (a)								
1992-93	95,468	1,851	4,730	784	102,832	293,157	73	850
1993-94	116,655	2,873	5,042	893	125,464	366,574	36	524
1994-95	105,461	2,475	5,109	1,537	113,582	385,408	36	812
1994-95—								
July	10,017	435	305	32	10,789	32,736	4	144
August	10,657	220	387	59	11,324	37,059	2	39
September	13,383	181	654	47	14,265	47,045	5	108
October	11,162	368	1,934	27	12,492	42,852	4	62
November	7,102	115	354	46	7,617	26,659	1	36
December	7,026	247	269	23	7,565	23,606	7	106
January	5,881	73	343	34	6,332	18,627	-	2
February	6,906	219	328	27	7,480	25,408	3	47
March	8,283	137	294	33	8,748	32,073	3	104
April	9,131	171	508	71	9,882	35,723	3	46
May	7,868	137	382	41	8,428	31,193	5	102
June	18,044	171	350	196	18,660	32,427	-	16
1995-96—								
July	19,578	159	528	144	10,308	38,955	3	102
August	19,757	280	1,403	153	10,493	36,474	3	73
September	13,807	233	697	53	14,789	50,492	2	26
1994-95—								
July to September	34,057	837	1,346	138	36,378	116,840	11	292
1995-96—								
July to September	33,142	671	1,628	150	35,590	125,921	8	202

(a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

TABLE 5. EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, SEPTEMBER 1995

Country/Region	Wine type				Total wine	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value
			(Litres)			(\$'000)
Fiji	49,270	900	12,312	803	63,285	210
New Caledonia	20,136	-	3,024	-	23,160	45
New Zealand	1,508,406	15,677	91,026	14,211	1,629,320	4,342
<i>Total Oceania & Antarctica (a)</i>	<i>1,639,013</i>	<i>23,843</i>	<i>109,643</i>	<i>15,149</i>	<i>1,787,648</i>	<i>4,841</i>
Denmark	165,883	261	1,640	-	167,784	599
Germany	180,176	-	1,917	324	182,417	673
Ireland	407,306	90	7,200	-	414,596	1,666
Netherlands	168,613	-	1,638	-	170,251	664
Norway	201,378	-	-	-	201,378	535
Sweden	1,016,646	-	-	-	1,016,646	2,560
Switzerland	187,358	-	2,149	576	190,083	953
United Kingdom	7,038,110	137,053	443,005	23,094	7,641,262	25,176
<i>Total Europe & the CIS (a)</i>	<i>9,586,745</i>	<i>137,404</i>	<i>458,233</i>	<i>23,994</i>	<i>10,206,376</i>	<i>33,453</i>
Oman	17,155	-	576	-	17,731	25
United Arab Emirates	113,502	1,605	8,145	-	123,252	229
<i>Total Middle East & North Africa (a)</i>	<i>130,657</i>	<i>1,605</i>	<i>8,721</i>	-	<i>140,983</i>	<i>253</i>
Indonesia	26,596	-	-	-	26,596	52
Singapore	66,073	1,575	2,712	2,054	72,414	288
Thailand	57,634	90	3,130	-	60,854	261
<i>Total Southeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>202,770</i>	<i>1,885</i>	<i>15,793</i>	<i>2,054</i>	<i>222,502</i>	<i>954</i>
China	20,400	-	-	-	20,400	30
Hong Kong	37,122	2,430	22,200	216	61,968	398
Japan	160,221	3,744	71,739	4,598	240,302	930
<i>Total Northeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>220,394</i>	<i>6,237</i>	<i>94,461</i>	<i>4,814</i>	<i>325,906</i>	<i>1,390</i>
Canada	407,529	39,381	234	-	447,144	1,691
USA	1,617,176	20,533	9,094	6,750	1,653,553	7,869
<i>Total North America (a)</i>	<i>2,024,705</i>	<i>59,914</i>	<i>9,328</i>	<i>6,750</i>	<i>2,100,697</i>	<i>9,560</i>
<i>Total Other Regions(b)</i>	<i>2,563</i>	<i>1,710</i>	<i>500</i>	-	<i>4,773</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Total All Countries</i>	<i>13,806,847</i>	<i>232,598</i>	<i>696,679</i>	<i>52,761</i>	<i>14,788,885</i>	<i>50,492</i>

(a) Includes other countries as detailed in *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (1269.0). (b) Includes ship's stores.

TABLE 6 : EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY REGION(a)

('000 litres)

Period	Oceania & Antarctica	Europe & the CIS	Middle East	Southeast Asia	Northeast Asia	North America	Other	Total all Regions
1992-93	18,251	61,623	799	1,969	3,483	16,356	351	102,832
1993-94	24,968	73,334	952	2,134	5,268	18,463	346	125,464
1994-95	17,143	69,709	1,014	2,196	4,307	18,779	434	113,582
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July	2,140	6,085	88	76	454	1,930	16	10,789
August	1,323	8,225	109	124	172	1,342	29	11,324
September	2,185	10,009	37	146	293	1,577	19	14,265
October	1,978	7,389	71	352	616	2,030	57	12,492
November	1,537	3,285	80	280	658	1,651	124	7,617
December	1,530	3,959	73	236	396	1,362	9	7,565
January	1,366	3,636	55	106	262	905	2	6,332
February	1,602	4,002	62	200	277	1,303	35	7,480
March	980	5,651	179	166	173	1,552	47	8,748
April	743	6,818	31	115	541	1,610	23	9,882
May	815	5,235	141	251	212	1,738	36	8,428
June	1,944	5,415	88	144	253	1,778	39	8,660
<i>1995-96—</i>								
July	1,209	6,428	92	226	544	1,799	10	10,308
August	1,382	6,565	-	157	219	2,151	19	10,493
September	1,788	10,206	141	223	326	2,101	5	14,789
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July-September	5,648	24,319	234	345	919	4,849	63	36,378
<i>1995-96—</i>								
July-September	4,379	23,200	233	605	1,089	6,051	34	35,590

(a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The information shown in this publication for wine sales is obtained directly from winemakers by means of a mail collection. The brandy sales figures shown represent quantities on which excise duty was paid, i.e. the quantity of brandy released for sale. Statistics relating to exports and import clearances are based on information provided to the Australian Customs Service by importers, exporters and their agents.

Scope and coverage

2. The information on wine is obtained from winemaking enterprises with wine sales of 250,000 litres or more in the previous financial year. These account for approximately 97 per cent of total wine sales.

3. Tables 1-3 include all sales by winemakers (within the scope of the collection) with the exception of exports, sales for ships' stores, sales of imported wine and brandy and inter-winery sales, the last exclusion being necessary to avoid duplication in the published figures. Figures relating to foreign trade in wine and brandy are presented in Table 4 to provide a basis for assessing the overall Australian wine market.

4. Imports cleared for home consumption comprise those goods entered for home consumption, together with goods cleared from Customs warehouses. Exports of Australian produce are defined as exports of goods, materials or articles which have been produced, manufactured or partly manufactured in Australia.

5. Commencing with April 1992, the timing basis for the compilation of merchandise exports statistics has been changed. The change involves compiling exports statistics on the basis of goods shipped in any period rather than the basis of the documentation of goods shipped in that or earlier periods. In the past only about half of shipments were recorded in the month of shipment, the remainder recorded in subsequent months. The effect of the change is significant on monthly data but marginal on annual data.

For more information about the changed basis of compilation refer to publication *Foreign Trade Australia: Merchandise Exports, April 1992*. (5432.0)

6. All sales data are collected on an Australia-wide basis only and State figures are therefore not available.

7. The wine content of products consisting of a mixture of wine and fruit juice, commonly known as 'coolers', is included in the appropriate category of wine from which it is made, which is generally table wine. Where a wine is categorised by container type (i.e. table wine) the wine content of 'coolers' is included in the 'bulk' figure.

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates

8. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather and industrial disputes).

9. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates of wine sales have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

10. While this smoothing technique enables estimates of trend to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months as data for subsequent months become available. Generally subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of revisions to the original series and periodic reviews of seasonal factors. The latest review, in September 1995, revised seasonally adjusted and trend monthly series back to July 1975.

11. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring "Trends", an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

12. Care should be exercised when interpreting year-to-date figures as measures of trend growth. Due to their temporal phase-shifting properties, year-to-date measures are not always useful for detecting turning points in the data. In particular, these measures are not responsive to more recent trend changes and can be indicative of more historical growth patterns. A further deficiency is that with each additional month of data, the extent of smoothing implicit in the year-to-date measure varies, giving for each month a different form of trend estimate. That is, the degree of smoothing after 3 months will be different to that achieved with 10 months of data. It is possible that the year-to-date measure will suggest results that do not accord with the ABS trend estimate, which is a much more timely indicator of recent trend behaviour.

Related publications

13. Another ABS publication which may be of interest is:

Australian Wine and Grape Industry (1329.0) - contains production and stocks of Australian wine and brandy held by winemakers, final viticulture data and a comprehensive range of industry related data, including world comparisons.

14. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

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