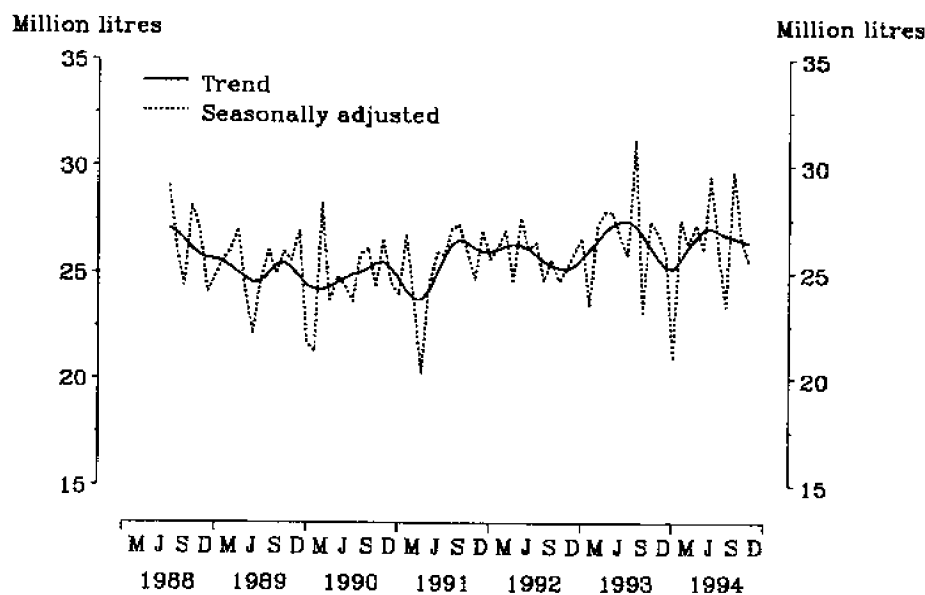


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS, NOVEMBER 1994

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DOMESTIC WINE SALES



Domestic sales

The trend series for total domestic wine sales decreased by 0.4 per cent between October and November 1994, following a 0.5 per cent decrease between September and October 1994. This is now the fifth month of trend decline and confirms the turning point in June 1994 following a five month period of growth.

The rate of decline in the wine sales trend series is slowing. A 7 per cent increase in the seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic wine sales in December 1994, will see the trend revised to show the series flattening out. The average monthly movement regardless of sign in this series is 7 per cent. Readers are reminded that recent trend estimates are provisional and could change when data for future months become available.

In original terms, there were 31.2 million litres of wine sold domestically during November 1994, a 13.4 per cent increase on October 1994 as sales build up before Christmas. However, November 1994 sales are down by 5.2 per cent on November 1993. Most of this decrease can

be attributed to lower sales in the table and sparkling wine types.

Exports

A total of 12.3 million litres of wine valued at \$42.1 million was exported from Australia in October 1994. This is 12.7 per cent less in terms of volume than the record month of September 1994 and 9.2 per cent less than October 1993.

In the four months to October 1994, Australia exported 48.4 million litres of wine, 7.8 per cent or 4.1 million litres less than for the same period to October 1993. However, the value of these exports increased by 5.0 per cent to \$157.8 million.

The decline in the volume of wine exported for the four months to October 1994 relative to the same period in 1993 is spread across all wine types and across most export regions. Europe and the CIS is the only region to record an increase, a marginal one of 0.7 per cent. All other regions recorded a decrease in export volume ranging from 12.0 per cent in North America to 29.9 per cent in Northeast Asia.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

Imports

Australia imported 1.2 million litres of wine in October 1994 at a cost of \$5.7 million. This is the highest monthly volume of wine imports since December 1991.

For the four months to October 1994, Australia imported 3.7 million litres of wine, 17.2 per cent more than for the same period in 1993. These imports cost \$17.7 million, a rise of 1.7 per cent when compared with the same period in 1993.

A comparison of domestic wine sales (original data) for the five months ended November 1993 and 1994 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	5 months ended November		Percentage change
	1993	1994	
	'000L	'000L	
Table			
White - bottles 1 litre and under	20,659	22,505	8.9
White - other containers	64,886	57,598	-11.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>85,545</i>	<i>80,103</i>	<i>-6.4</i>
Red - bottles 1 litre and under	12,752	13,787	8.1
Red - other containers	14,620	16,306	11.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>27,372</i>	<i>30,093</i>	<i>9.9</i>
Rose - bottles 1 litre and under	257	252	-1.9
Rose - other containers	2,041	1,871	-8.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,298</i>	<i>2,123</i>	<i>-7.6</i>
Total table wine	115,215	112,319	-2.5
Fortified	11,979	12,239	2.2
Sparkling			
Bottle fermented	12,237	11,648	-4.8
Bulk fermented	1,920	1,961	2.1
<i>Total sparkling wine</i>	<i>14,157</i>	<i>13,609</i>	<i>-3.9</i>
Other	3,316	2,992	-9.8
TOTAL WINE SALES	144,667	141,159	-2.4

For the five months ended November 1994, domestic sales of Australian wine by winemakers were lower (by 2.4%) on the corresponding period in 1993.

The following highlight major movements within the various wine types:

- White table wine sales were down by 6.4 per cent, with an increase in sales of bottled wine of 8.9 per cent more than offset by a decrease in wine sold in other containers (-11.2%).
- Red table wine sales were up by 9.9 per cent, with an increase in both sales of bottled wine of 8.1 per cent and red wine sold in other containers 11.5%.
- Sparkling wine sales were down by 4.8 per cent.
- Sales of fortified wine increased by 2.2 per cent.

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

Period	Wine type						Total wine			Brandy(b) (^{'000L ad})
	Table	Fortified	Spark- ling	Carbon- ated	Flavoured (a)	Vermouth	Seasonally		Trend estimate	
							Original	adjusted		
	('000 litres)									
1991-92	246,704	29,891	30,153	3,751	2,921	1,410	314,830	..	..	1,380
1992-93	246,308	28,420	29,971	3,256	2,845	1,281	312,081	..	..	1,312
1993-94	254,741	27,026	30,543	3,525	2,426	1,258	319,519	..	..	1,301
1993-94—										
September	18,283	2,132	1,749	255	204	102	22,724	23,030	26,745	87
October	22,814	1,772	3,339	253	181	139	28,496	27,466	26,202	87
November	25,291	2,526	4,227	375	312	128	32,857	26,854	25,677	132
December	27,119	2,755	6,410	509	251	154	37,198	25,957	25,270	151
January	10,926	1,154	1,197	153	n.p.	n.p.	13,652	20,937	25,198	72
February	18,836	1,568	1,968	228	n.p.	n.p.	22,784	27,489	25,600	76
March	19,416	1,965	1,720	217	136	111	23,565	26,293	26,165	93
April	21,417	2,659	1,725	268	188	66	26,323	27,266	26,628	108
May	19,210	2,354	1,674	278	179	84	23,779	26,034	r27,016	93
June	22,600	2,592	1,693	355	206	105	27,549	29,551	r27,101	86
1994-95—										
July	24,403	2,714	2,031	246	195	70	29,660	26,175	r26,918	94
August	19,122	2,294	1,495	185	188	72	23,356	23,401	r26,751	97
September	23,500	2,416	2,968	342	176	91	29,492	29,795	r26,628	88
October	21,445	2,016	3,385	326	212	104	27,488	26,549	r26,493	n.y.a.
November	23,848	2,799	3,729	441	235	110	31,162	25,488	26,385	n.y.a.
1993-94—										
July to November	115,218	11,979	14,158	1,516	1,243	557	144,667	..	..	622
1994-95—										
July to November	112,318	12,239	13,609	1,540	1,005	446	141,158	..	..	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 fermen- tation	Bulk fermen- tation	Dry	Sweet
	Dry	Medium (b)	Sweet	Port	Muscat					
1991-92	2,281	2,938	7,173	15,933	1,438	128	25,406	4,747	644	766
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	4,238	564	694
1993-94—										
September	138	184	524	1,189	89	9	1,421	328	50	52
October	166	160	380	982	76	9	2,975	364	n.p.	n.p.
November	170	218	568	1,443	116	11	3,676	551	65	63
December	159	234	553	1,683	111	14	5,718	692	n.p.	n.p.
January	99	99	304	599	47	6	1,038	159	n.p.	n.p.
February	101	151	384	864	63	6	1,650	318	n.p.	n.p.
March	171	179	492	1,027	85	10	1,446	274	44	67
April	176	251	671	1,439	114	8	1,430	294	31	35
May	159	185	476	1,425	100	10	1,387	287	40	43
June	190	222	558	1,493	117	11	1,399	294	48	57
1994-95—										
July	168	254	665	1,504	113	9	1,700	331	33	37
August	165	170	446	1,395	108	11	1,186	310	34	38
September	152	206	538	1,397	109	14	2,608	360	38	53
October	149	187	446	1,131	89	14	2,915	470	n.p.	n.p.
November	204	236	614	1,630	102	13	3,240	490	50	60
1993-94—										
July to November	833	997	2,697	6,852	544	59	12,238	1,920	n.p.	n.p.
1994-95—										
July to November	837	1,054	2,709	7,056	522	62	11,648	1,961	n.p.	n.p.

(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>
1991-92	40,736	1,627	122,410	6,690	171,463	2,725	203	15,721	80	18,729
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
<i>1993-94—</i>										
September	2,914	86	8,437	476	11,913	202	n.p.	1,376	n.p.	1,597
October	3,686	99	11,080	392	15,256	254	n.p.	1,926	n.p.	2,196
November	4,358	94	11,865	671	16,987	336	n.p.	2,169	n.p.	2,526
December	5,587	118	12,062	774	18,542	431	n.p.	2,204	n.p.	2,668
January	2,269	69	4,949	377	7,664	150	n.p.	911	n.p.	1,074
February	3,685	92	9,271	405	13,453	280	n.p.	1,523	n.p.	1,820
March	3,754	92	9,670	480	13,995	187	12	1,138	3	1,339
April	3,708	94	9,658	250	13,709	279	n.p.	2,257	n.p.	2,557
May	3,210	86	8,722	169	12,186	193	n.p.	1,680	n.p.	1,891
June	3,517	103	10,161	209	13,990	227	19	1,769	4	2,019
<i>1994-95—</i>										
July	3,905	89	10,110	204	14,308	225	n.p.	1,674	n.p.	1,919
August	3,670	73	7,511	198	11,452	205	12	1,344	8	1,569
September	4,221	94	9,839	327	14,481	259	n.p.	2,017	n.p.	2,300
October	4,404	80	9,185	411	14,080	254	n.p.	1,508	n.p.	1,779
November	5,086	90	10,336	595	16,107	275	11	1,812	9	2,108
<i>1993-94—</i>										
July to November	19,296	493	52,678	2,481	74,947	1,363	59	8,355	42	9,674
<i>1994-95—</i>										
July to November	21,286	427	46,981	1,734	70,428	1,218	59	8,355	42	9,674

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>
1991-92	24,048	521	25,200	1,021	50,790	763	137	4,792	30	5,722
1992-93	25,268	464	28,677	642	55,051	n.p.	118	4,107	n.p.	4,852
1993-94	27,575	484	28,399	942	57,399	578	n.p.	4,178	n.p.	4,888
<i>1993-94—</i>										
September	1,896	30	2,364	117	4,407	46	n.p.	307	n.p.	365
October	2,096	29	2,643	107	4,875	52	n.p.	424	n.p.	485
November	2,374	38	2,768	90	5,270	48	n.p.	449	n.p.	506
December	2,535	45	2,748	115	5,443	77	n.p.	371	n.p.	467
January	1,041	18	899	55	2,013	30	n.p.	139	n.p.	175
February	1,728	26	1,397	121	3,272	35	n.p.	246	n.p.	290
March	2,201	76	1,416	57	3,749	42	n.p.	281	n.p.	333
April	2,455	35	2,184	33	4,706	48	n.p.	389	n.p.	445
May	2,204	44	2,410	30	4,688	44	n.p.	391	n.p.	445
June	2,660	47	3,391	59	6,157	45	n.p.	374	n.p.	434
<i>1994-95—</i>										
July	3,670	59	3,923	49	7,701	n.p.	9	409	n.p.	475
August	2,665	36	3,003	44	5,748	n.p.	8	307	n.p.	352
September	2,639	50	3,448	125	6,263	46	n.p.	397	n.p.	456
October	2,226	61	2,829	53	5,169	51	n.p.	356	n.p.	417
November	2,586	50	2,513	61	5,211	63	n.p.	349	n.p.	423
<i>1993-94—</i>										
July to November	12,753	192	13,955	473	27,373	257	n.p.	1,988	n.p.	2,298
<i>1994-95—</i>										
July to November	13,787	257	15,717	332	30,093	252	n.p.	1,819	n.p.	2,123

(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. ul	\$'000
IMPORTS CLEARED								
1991-92	5,190	160	2,373	979	8,703	45,649	662	7,315
1992-93	4,710	106	2,346	669	7,832	46,984	629	8,085
1993-94	4,404	152	2,301	1,484	8,341	47,637	634	8,243
<i>1993-94—</i>								
August	462	13	194	147	816	3,573	47	644
September	404	8	235	165	811	4,744	61	818
October	350	5	215	160	730	4,709	55	630
November	476	13	334	187	1,009	6,268	60	917
December	342	8	303	181	833	5,687	101	1,306
January	182	25	118	80	404	2,741	43	551
February	250	14	224	60	549	2,977	49	507
March	293	7	106	97	502	2,798	42	543
April	301	10	123	105	539	2,317	40	400
May	307	15	115	95	532	2,995	47	548
June	582	24	115	125	845	4,448	44	550
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July	396	39	208	113	755	3,595	52	467
August	415	8	215	188	827	4,301	60	779
September	477	9	133	279	898	4,065	48	568
October	466	58	281	376	1,182	5,742	56	615
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July to October	1,672	36	864	554	3,126	17,406	208	2,921
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July to October	1,754	115	838	956	3,662	17,702	216	2,428
EXPORTS (a)								
1991-92	71,752	2,384	3,904	639	78,679	243,526	74	960
1992-93	95,468	1,851	4,730	784	102,832	293,157	73	850
1993-94	r116,546	2,873	5,035	893	125,347	r366,306	36	524
<i>1993-94—</i>								
August	10,620	287	667	26	11,601	32,188	-	9
September	12,319	432	699	86	13,537	43,730	6	38
October	11,952	441	824	319	13,536	38,475	4	29
November	7,672	144	462	82	8,360	22,520	3	71
December	7,688	313	200	136	8,337	23,428	2	35
January	5,871	84	175	30	6,159	16,296	1	56
February	r6,742	181	223	18	7,163	22,071	1	6
March	10,352	91	245	33	10,720	31,620	7	128
April	9,807	302	365	35	10,509	33,784	-	5
May	9,837	266	361	45	10,509	r32,114	4	86
June	10,666	100	305	37	11,109	34,250	3	17
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July	r9,962	435	304	32	r10,733	r32,556	4	144
August	r10,616	220	387	49	r11,272	r36,846	2	39
September	r13,202	180	r653	47	r14,083	r46,283	5	108
October	10,994	366	911	26	12,296	42,069	4	62
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July to October	47,910	1,392	2,700	478	52,480	150,225	14	119
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July to October	44,774	1,202	2,255	153	48,384	157,755	14	354

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

TABLE 5. EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, OCTOBER 1994

Country/Region	Wine type				Total wine	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling (Litres)	Other	Quantity	Value (\$'000)
Fiji	67,018	1,148	14,607	-	82,773	320
New Zealand	1,564,041	15,923	183,328	10,929	1,774,221	4,491
Papua New Guinea	27,555	1,206	4,572	-	33,333	135
<i>Total Oceania & Antarctica (a)</i>	<i>1,709,590</i>	<i>18,524</i>	<i>205,765</i>	<i>10,929</i>	<i>1,944,808</i>	<i>5,101</i>
Denmark	45,288	-	-	-	45,288	198
Finland	36,783	-	180	-	36,963	137
Germany	98,023	1,665	135	-	99,823	502
Ireland	438,945	15	12,275	-	451,235	1,331
Netherlands	132,650	-	315	-	132,965	430
Norway	27,990	-	-	-	27,990	111
Sweden	986,596	-	37,800	-	1,024,396	2,252
Switzerland	40,237	-	2,034	720	42,991	262
United Kingdom	4,829,330	149,911	423,324	3,870	5,406,435	19,750
<i>Total Europe & the CIS (a)</i>	<i>6,659,366</i>	<i>151,663</i>	<i>476,180</i>	<i>4,590</i>	<i>7,291,799</i>	<i>25,051</i>
Oman	15,760	-	225	-	15,985	21
United Arab Emirates	34,764	800	3,825	-	39,389	73
<i>Total Middle East & North Africa (a)</i>	<i>65,724</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>4,050</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>70,574</i>	<i>114</i>
Indonesia	43,000	292	1,170	-	44,462	113
Singapore	133,827	1,080	22,788	8,643	166,338	510
Thailand	99,081	225	4,185	609	104,100	239
<i>Total Southeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>295,300</i>	<i>1,687</i>	<i>33,003</i>	<i>9,672</i>	<i>339,662</i>	<i>978</i>
Hong Kong	105,837	2,600	26,664	414	135,515	652
Japan	285,011	23,754	129,519	108	438,392	1,325
Republic of Korea	11,646	918	1,440	-	14,004	77
<i>Total Northeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>405,464</i>	<i>31,007</i>	<i>157,623</i>	<i>522</i>	<i>594,616</i>	<i>2,101</i>
Canada	518,165	129,661	10,764	-	658,590	2,074
USA	1,299,640	29,219	17,397	-	1,346,256	6,340
<i>Total North America (a)</i>	<i>1,818,390</i>	<i>158,880</i>	<i>28,161</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,005,431</i>	<i>8,421</i>
<i>Total Other Regions(b)</i>	<i>40,350</i>	<i>3,342</i>	<i>5,892</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>49,584</i>	<i>304</i>
<i>Total All Countries</i>	<i>10,994,184</i>	<i>365,903</i>	<i>910,674</i>	<i>25,713</i>	<i>12,296,474</i>	<i>42,069</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

('000 litres)

Period	Oceania & Antarctica	Europe & the CIS	Middle East	Southeast Asia	Northeast Asia	North America	Other	Total all Regions
1991-92	7,509	50,824	855	1,601	3,450	14,153	288	78,679
1992-93	18,251	61,623	799	1,969	3,483	16,356	351	102,832
1993-94	24,955	73,256	943	2,123	5,268	18,461	341	125,347
<i>1993-94—</i>								
August	2,171	7,220	80	131	578	1,405	15	11,601
September	1,980	8,616	111	166	468	2,151	45	13,537
October	3,067	7,735	63	328	628	1,668	47	13,536
November	2,065	4,417	65	147	332	1,266	67	8,360
December	2,335	3,821	49	248	607	1,252	25	8,337
January	1,281	3,728	56	80	223	776	15	6,159
February	1,420	3,760	95	149	309	1,405	26	7,163
March	1,652	6,944	67	188	365	1,477	26	10,720
April	2,547	5,930	89	141	328	1,450	25	10,509
May	2,468	5,934	88	168	346	1,491	15	10,509
June	1,061	7,489	68	182	602	1,682	24	11,109
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July	2,140	6,038	188	76	454	1,922	16	10,733
August	1,321	8,176	109	124	172	1,341	29	11,272
September	2,185	9,931	37	145	291	1,475	19	14,083
October	1,945	7,292	71	340	595	2,005	50	12,296
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July-October	10,125	31,233	366	820	2,156	7,662	118	52,480
<i>1994-95—</i>								
July-October	7,591	31,436	304	684	1,512	6,743	113	48,384

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 1993, 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. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Manufacturing Production, Australia, Food, Drink, Tobacco, Stock and Poultry Food (8359.0) - issued quarterly, contains production statistics for wine based mixed drinks ('coolers').

Wine Production: Australia and States (8366.0) - includes stocks of Australian wine and brandy held by winemakers.

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 *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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