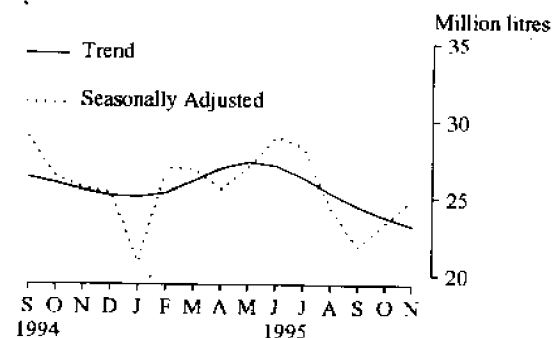


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS, NOVEMBER 1995

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE



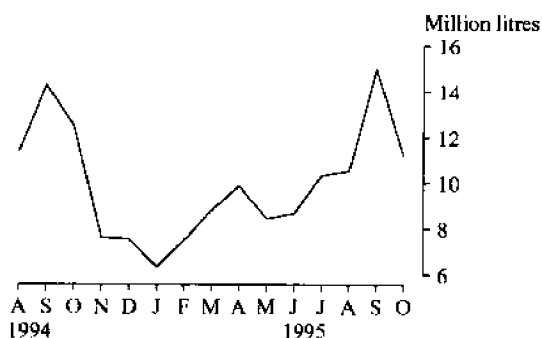
Domestic sales

The trend estimate for the total domestic sales of Australian produced wine fell by 2.5% in November. This is a continuation of a fall in the sales trend which commenced in June.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of total domestic sales of Australian wine for the month was 24.9 million litres, an increase of 7.0% on the previous month. This increase was not sufficient to arrest the decline in the trend series. It would require an increase in the seasonally adjusted estimate next month of around 3% for the series to flatten out.

In original terms, there were 30.1 million litres of wine sold domestically during November, an increase of 24.5% on October but a fall of 2.8% on November 1994.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

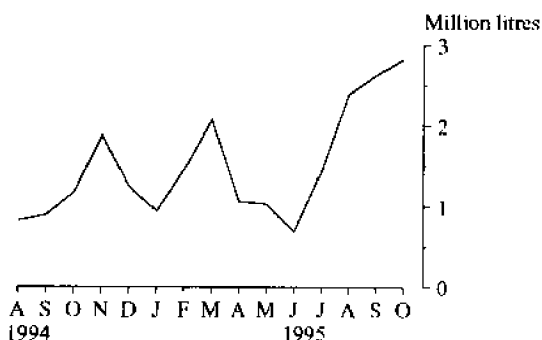


Exports

A total of 11.2 million litres of Australian wine valued at \$40.8 million was exported in October. This is 25.7% less than the record volume exported in September.

For the four months to October, 47.0 million litres valued at \$167.7 million were exported, 3.9% less quantity but 5.0% more in value than for the corresponding period in 1994.

WINE IMPORTS



Imports

Australia imported 2.8 million litres of wine in October at a cost of \$7.4 million. This was the highest value imported since November 1994 and the highest monthly quantity recorded.

Imports for the four months to October were 153.7% greater in quantity and 29.9% higher in value compared with the corresponding period in 1994.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

Domestic sales of Australian produced table wine. (a)

Table wine	5 months ended November		Percentage change
	1994	1995	
	'000L	'000L	%
White - bottles 1 litre and under	22,287	21,332	-4.3
White - other containers	57,380	52,284	-8.9
<i>Total white</i>	<i>79,667</i>	<i>73,616</i>	<i>-7.6</i>
Red - bottles 1 litre and under	13,631	14,720	8.0
Red - other containers	16,150	13,650	-15.5
<i>Total red</i>	<i>29,781</i>	<i>28,370</i>	<i>-4.7</i>
Total table wine (includes Rosé)	111,571	104,864	-6.7

(a) Care should be exercised when interpreting year-to-date figures. See paragraph 12 in Explanatory Notes.

White table wine sales fell by 7.6%. Red table wine fell by 4.7% which resulted from a fall in other containers of 15.5% being partly offset by a rise in bottle sales of 8.0%. Rosé wine sales decreased by 2.1%.

The volume of wine sales reported does not include any quantity of imported wine that may have been blended with the Australian product (this particularly applies to cask containers). The increasing influence of imported wine is evident in the following table.

Wine available for consumption in Australia.

Period	Domestic sales of	Imports cleared for	Available for
	Australian produced wine	home consumption	consumption
	'000L	'000L	'000L
1992-93	312,081	7,832	319,913
1993-94	319,534	8,341	327,875
1994-95	313,357	14,057	327,414
1994-95			
July to October	108,998	3,662	112,660
1995-96			
July to October	101,746	9,291	111,037

There was a slight decrease of 1.4% in the wine available for consumption for the four months to October 1995 compared with the same period in 1994. There was a fall of 6.7% in the domestic sales of Australian produced wine in 1995 which was almost completely offset by the rise of 153.7% in imports cleared for home consumption.

Disposals of Australian produced wine.

Period	Domestic sales of	Exports of Australian	Total
	Australian produced wine	produced wine	disposals
	'000L	'000L	'000L
1992-93	312,081	102,832	414,913
1993-94	319,534	125,464	444,998
1994-95	313,357	113,655	427,012
1994-95			
July to October	108,998	48,895	157,893
1995-96			
July to October	101,746	47,002	148,748

There was a fall of almost 18 million litres (or 4.0%) in the disposal of Australian produced wine in 1994-95 when compared with the previous financial year. Exports fell by 9.4% and contributed two thirds of the total fall in disposals. However, in the four months to October, exports fell by less than 4% when compared with the same period in 1994.

While the amount of Australian produced wine available for disposal is effected by previous vintages and movement in stocks, there appears to be a move to maintain exports of the Australian wine and fill the gap in the domestic demand with imported product.

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
<i>1994-95—</i>										
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	26,911	84
May	20,150	2,612	1,571	221	225	67	24,846	26,989	27,311	98
June	23,192	2,967	1,589	319	217	99	28,382	28,968	r27,066	102
<i>1995-96—</i>										
July	26,697	3,179	1,959	241	249	83	32,409	28,296	r26,275	118
August	18,405	2,292	1,818	253	146	67	22,982	24,291	r25,329	117
September	17,434	1,613	2,708	265	123	76	22,219	21,882	r24,449	64
October	18,600	1,806	3,214	234	213	69	24,137	23,325	r23,750	94
November	22,927	2,476	3,935	335	223	160	30,055	24,947	23,167	n.y.a.
<i>1994-95—</i>										
July to November	111,571	12,239	13,109	1,540	1,006	447	139,912	..	..	433
<i>1995-96—</i>										
July to November	104,064	11,366	13,633	1,328	955	455	131,801	..	..	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
<i>1994-95—</i>										
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
<i>1995-96—</i>										
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
November	159	224	583	1,397	102	11	3,012	923	n.p.	n.p.
<i>1994-95</i>										
July to November	838	1,054	2,709	7,057	521	61	11,149	1,961	n.p.	n.p.
<i>1995-96—</i>										
July to November	849	1,073	2,481	6,460	459	45	10,549	3,084	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

Period	('000 litres)									
	WHITE WINE NOT EXCEEDING 1 DEGREE BAUMÉ(a)					WHITE WINE EXCEEDING 1 DEGREE BAUMÉ(a)				
	Glass containers					Glass containers				
	1 litre and under	Over 1 litre	Soft pack(b)	Bulk(c)	Total	1 litre and under	Over 1 litre	Soft pack(b)	Bulk(c)	Total
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—										
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
November	5,040	82	9,369	284	14,775	231	n.p.	1,675	n.p.	1,928
1994-95—										
July to November	21,069	426	46,764	1,735	69,993	1,218	n.p.	8,355	n.p.	9,675
1995-96—										
July to November	20,242	317	43,129	1,353	65,041	1,090	n.p.	7,381	n.p.	8,574

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE - continued

Period	('000 litres)									
	RED					ROSE				
	Glass containers					Glass containers				
	1 litre and under	Over 1 litre	Soft pack(b)	Bulk(c)	Total	1 litre and under	Over 1 litre	Soft pack(b)	Bulk(c)	Total
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—										
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
November	2,957	39	2,792	13	5,800	n.p.	7	361	n.p.	424
1994-95—										
July to November	13,632	256	15,561	332	29,782	252	n.p.	1,819	n.p.	2,123
1995-96—										
July to November	14,720	215	13,286	149	28,370	n.p.	n.p.	1,796	n.p.	2,079

(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
<i>1994-95</i>								
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
<i>1995-96</i>								
July	1,206	4	131	99	1,440	3,975	46	556
August	2,109	5	193	90	2,396	r5,369	r50	r675
September	2,293	7	253	74	2,627	r6,228	44	651
October	2,349	23	419	36	2,827	7,432	43	618
<i>1994-95</i>								
July to October	2,110	115	838	600	3,662	17,702	216	2,443
<i>1995-96</i>								
July to October	7,957	39	996	299	9,291	23,003	184	2,500
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	r105,534	2,475	5,109	537	r113,655	r385,652	36	812
<i>1994-95</i>								
August	r10,682	220	387	59	r11,348	r37,117	2	39
September	13,383	181	654	47	14,265	r47,046	5	108
October	11,162	368	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	r8,324	137	294	33	r8,789	r32,210	3	104
April	9,131	171	508	71	9,882	35,723	3	46
May	r7,873	137	382	41	r8,432	r31,202	5	102
June	r8,046	171	350	96	r8,663	r32,465	-	16
<i>1995-96</i>								
July	r9,868	159	528	44	r10,316	r39,016	3	102
August	r9,775	280	403	53	r10,511	r36,603	3	73
September	r14,008	233	r719	r54	r15,013	r51,303	2	26
October	10,232	310	551	68	11,161	40,799	-	8
<i>1994-95</i>								
July to October	45,244	1,204	2,281	165	48,895	159,751	14	354
<i>1995-96</i>								
July to October	43,600	982	2,202	218	47,002	167,721	8	210

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

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

Country/Region	Wine type				Total wine	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling (Litres)	Other	Quantity	Value (\$'000)
New Zealand	533,271	33,672	38,530	13,680	619,153	1,909
Papua New Guinea	25,411	3,184	8,505	-	37,100	197
Vanuatu	81,332	270	1,935	-	83,537	165
<i>Total Oceania & Antarctica (a)</i>	<i>698,424</i>	<i>37,951</i>	<i>68,033</i>	<i>15,677</i>	<i>820,085</i>	<i>2,557</i>
Denmark	182,459	-	900	-	183,359	616
Finland	109,080	-	-	-	109,080	172
Germany	190,970	576	3,060	-	194,606	826
Ireland	309,035	-	855	-	309,890	1,160
Netherlands	169,627	-	5,184	5,832	180,643	714
Norway	187,149	-	-	-	187,149	546
Russian Federation	25,120	-	-	-	25,120	42
Sweden	444,324	-	17,604	-	461,928	1,537
Switzerland	181,989	576	6,750	-	189,315	771
United Kingdom	5,629,907	109,760	287,508	12,600	6,039,775	20,535
<i>Total Europe & the Former USSR (a)</i>	<i>7,469,846</i>	<i>111,002</i>	<i>323,013</i>	<i>18,432</i>	<i>7,922,293</i>	<i>27,136</i>
United Arab Emirates	19,692	-	-	-	19,692	48
<i>Total Middle East & North Africa (a)</i>	<i>19,692</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>19,692</i>	<i>48</i>
Malaysia	18,500	-	3,093	8,262	29,855	135
Singapore	34,615	-	3,393	17,860	55,868	365
Thailand	85,689	1,260	2,565	-	89,514	335
<i>Total Southeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>148,153</i>	<i>1,260</i>	<i>11,661</i>	<i>26,122</i>	<i>187,196</i>	<i>885</i>
Hong Kong	66,236	1,431	20,689	1,827	90,183	506
Japan	173,466	24,028	88,596	5,840	291,930	1,263
Republic of Korea	38,710	180	90	90	39,070	190
<i>Total Northeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>282,525</i>	<i>25,802</i>	<i>109,879</i>	<i>7,757</i>	<i>425,963</i>	<i>2,004</i>
Canada	319,568	91,268	21,207	-	432,043	1,591
USA	1,261,230	39,780	13,937	-	1,314,947	6,402
<i>Total Northern America (a)</i>	<i>1,580,798</i>	<i>131,048</i>	<i>35,144</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,746,990</i>	<i>7,993</i>
<i>Total Other Regions(b)</i>	<i>32,159</i>	<i>3,403</i>	<i>3,615</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>39,177</i>	<i>177</i>
<i>Total All Countries</i>	<i>10,231,597</i>	<i>310,466</i>	<i>551,345</i>	<i>67,988</i>	<i>11,161,396</i>	<i>40,799</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 Former USSR	Middle East & North Africa	Southeast Asia	Northeast Asia	Northern 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	r17,144	r69,775	1,014	2,196	4,307	r18,786	434	r113,655
1994-95								
July	2,140	6,085	88	76	454	1,930	16	10,789
August	1,323	r8,249	109	124	172	1,342	29	r11,348
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	r5,692	179	166	173	1,552	47	r8,789
April	743	6,818	31	115	541	1,610	23	9,882
May	815	5,235	141	251	212	r1,743	36	r8,432
June	r945	5,415	88	144	253	r1,780	39	r8,663
1995-96								
July	1,209	6,428	92	226	544	r1,807	10	r10,316
August	r1,385	r6,568	-	157	219	r2,163	19	r10,511
September	r1,796	r10,331	r154	r245	r330	r2,152	5	r15,013
October	820	7,922	20	187	426	1,747	39	11,161
1994-95—								
July-October	7,626	31,733	304	697	1,535	6,879	120	48,895
1995-96—								
July-October	5,210	31,250	266	815	1,519	7,868	74	47,002

(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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