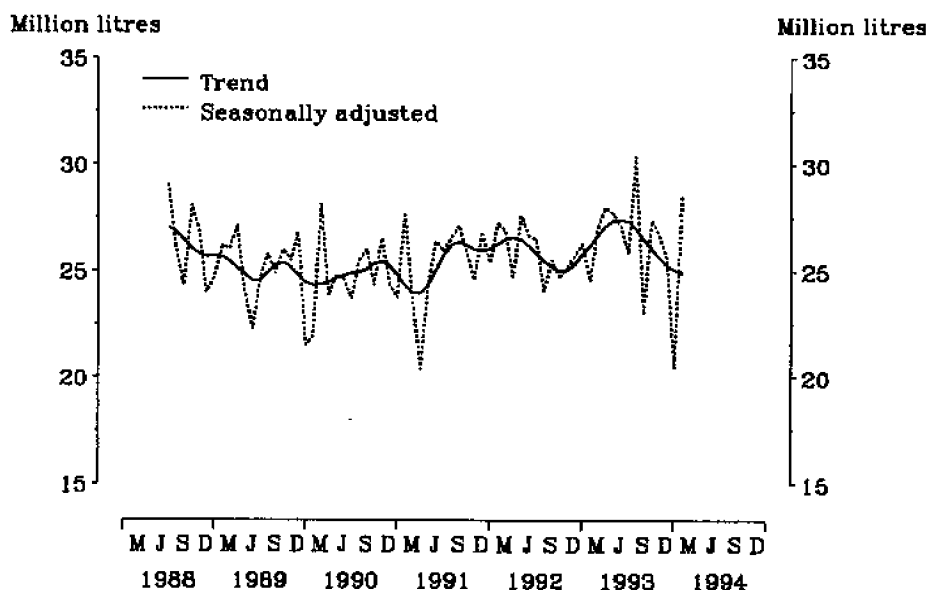


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS, FEBRUARY 1994

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DOMESTIC WINE SALES



Domestic sales

While the provisional trend estimates in domestic wine sales fell for the eighth consecutive month to February 1994, the trend decline once again shows signs of easing. The wine sales trend fell by 0.7 per cent in February 1994 following falls of 0.7 per cent, 1.3 per cent and 1.7 per cent in the last three months. If the seasonally adjusted estimate were to remain at the same level in March the trend would be revised to show weak growth. Readers are reminded that recent trend estimates are provisional and could change when data for future months become available.

In seasonally adjusted terms, total domestic sales of Australian wine for February 1994 were 28.6 million litres, an increase of 39.9 per cent on January 1994 and 16.6 per cent up on sales in February 1993.

Using original data, there were 22.6 million litres of Australian wine sold domestically in February 1994, up 67.3 per cent from the traditional low sales in January and up 16.3 per cent on sales in February 1993.

Exports

A total of 6.1 million litres of wine valued at \$16.0 million was exported from Australia in January 1994. This is 26.5 per cent less in volume than December 1993 and 11.0 per cent lower than January 1993.

In the seven months to January 1994, Australia exported 75.2 million litres of wine, 39.6 per cent or 21.3 million litres more than for the same period to January 1993. The Oceania region had the biggest percentage increase during this period with exports up 75.5 per cent or 6.8 million litres. However, the European region recorded the biggest increase in terms of volume with exports up almost 11 million litres or 34.1 per cent.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *(continued)***Imports**

Australia imported 0.4 million litres of wine at a cost of \$2.7 million in January 1994. This is the lowest volume of wine imported in a single month since June 1992.

A comparison of domestic wine sales (original data) for the eight months ended February 1993 and 1994 follows. Care should be exercised when interpreting year-to-date figures as measures of trend growth since year-to-date figures do not accurately reflect changes in trend sales. See paragraph 12 in Explanatory Notes.

Wine type	8 months ended February		Percentage change
	1993	1994	
	'000L	'000L	
Table			
White - bottles 1 litre and under	30,314	33,055	9.0
White - other containers	95,094	97,650	2.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>125,408</i>	<i>130,705</i>	<i>4.2</i>
Red - bottles 1 litre and under	16,482	18,053	9.5
Red - other containers	19,240	20,824	4.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>35,722</i>	<i>38,877</i>	<i>6.6</i>
Rose - bottles 1 litre and under	437	400	-8.5
Rose - other containers	2,867	2,876	0.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,304</i>	<i>3,276</i>	<i>-0.8</i>
Total table wine	164,433	172,059	4.6
Fortified	18,401	17,178	-6.6
Sparkling			
Bottle fermented	19,159	20,643	7.7
Bulk fermented	3,428	3,089	-9.9
<i>Total sparkling wine</i>	<i>22,587</i>	<i>23,732</i>	<i>5.1</i>
Other	5,309	4,924	-7.3
TOTAL WINE SALES	210,731	217,892	3.4

For the eight months ended February 1994, domestic sales of Australian wine have increased by 3.4 per cent over the corresponding period in 1993. In this period, sales of table wine and sparkling wine increased by 4.6 and 5.1 per cent respectively, while sales of fortified and other wine types decreased by 6.6 and 7.3 per cent.

Table wines make up nearly 80 per cent of total domestic wine sales. The following highlight movements within this category;

- White wine sales increased 4.2 per cent, with increases in sales of both bottled wine (9.0%) and wine sold in other containers (2.7%).
- Red wine sales increased by 6.6 per cent, also with increases in sales of both bottled wine (9.5%) and red wine in other containers of 4.1 per cent.
- Rose wine sales decreased 0.8 per cent, with a fall in sales of bottled wine (8.5%) but an increase in other containers (0.3%).

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

Period	Wine type						Total wine			Brandy(b) ('000L a)
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Carbonated	Flavoured (a)	Vermouth	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate	
('000 litres)										
1990-91	228,332	30,744	29,463	3,377	2,737	1,619	296,272	..	..	1,444
1991-92	246,704	29,891	30,153	3,751	2,921	1,410	314,830	..	..	1,380
1992-93	246,308	27,914	29,952	3,387	2,789	1,281	311,631	..	..	1,312
1992-93—										
December	27,321	2,856	6,119	488	320	136	37,240	25,678	25,321	119
January	14,334	1,208	1,494	157	166	107	17,466	26,267	25,764	52
February	16,029	1,412	1,564	197	157	104	19,463	24,508	26,195	116
March	19,973	1,964	1,898	250	197	70	24,352	27,042	26,678	87
April	21,895	2,238	2,121	264	175	112	26,805	27,977	27,116	97
May	20,319	2,523	1,831	275	217	71	25,236	27,704	27,356	116
June	19,688	2,788	1,515	182	250	84	24,507	27,093	27,383	104
1993-94—										
July	23,632	2,877	2,048	354	276	122	29,309	25,807	27,313	139
August	25,198	2,604	2,795	279	270	66	31,212	30,398	r26,996	177
September	18,283	2,133	1,749	255	204	102	22,726	22,975	r26,508	87
October	22,814	1,751	3,339	253	181	139	28,477	27,404	r26,021	87
November	25,291	2,480	4,227	375	312	128	32,813	26,684	r25,575	132
December	27,119	2,737	6,410	509	251	154	37,180	25,595	r25,234	151
January	10,926	1,109	1,197	84	n.p.	n.p.	13,536	20,429	r25,051	72
February	18,797	1,490	1,968	206	n.p.	n.p.	22,644	28,573	24,888	n.y.a.
1992-93—										
July to February	164,433	18,401	22,587	2,416	1,950	944	210,731	..	..	908
1993-94—										
July to February	172,059	17,178	23,732	2,315	1,717	892	217,892	..	..	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			Bottle fermentation	Bulk fermentation	Dry	Sweet
	Dry	Medium (b)	Sweet	Port	Muscat	Other (c)				
1990-91	2,415	3,154	7,477	15,982	1,583	133	25,714	3,749	738	881
1991-92	2,281	2,938	7,173	15,933	1,438	128	25,406	4,747	644	766
1992-93	2,018	2,401	6,570	15,496	1,257	172	25,252	4,700	581	700
1992-93—										
December	170	223	600	1,741	105	17	5,339	780	62	74
January	100	103	344	595	58	8	1,236	258	n.p.	n.p.
February	119	130	367	724	64	8	1,261	303	n.p.	n.p.
March	171	173	482	1,027	99	12	1,575	323	32	38
April	147	187	502	1,262	125	15	1,781	340	56	56
May	186	230	596	1,400	100	11	1,497	334	28	43
June	185	228	587	1,651	125	12	1,240	275	39	45
1993-94—										
July	191	231	644	1,649	146	16	1,737	311	58	64
August	168	195	535	1,575	117	14	2,429	366	35	31
September	138	184	524	1,189	89	9	1,421	328	50	52
October	162	151	380	973	76	9	2,975	364	n.p.	n.p.
November	166	213	540	1,434	116	11	3,676	551	65	63
December	159	225	549	1,679	111	14	5,718	692	n.p.	n.p.
January	95	90	277	594	47	6	1,038	159	n.p.	n.p.
February	99	132	349	841	63	6	1,650	318	n.p.	n.p.
1992-93—										
July to February	1,329	1,583	4,403	10,156	808	122	19,159	3,428	n.p.	n.p.
1993-94—										
July to February	1,178	1,420	3,798	9,934	763	85	20,643	3,089	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				
	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
1990-91	39,771	1,856	102,097	7,743	151,467	3,151	224	21,294	73	24,742
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
1992-93—										
December	5,029	147	13,344	774	19,294	347	29	1,518	7	1,901
January	2,075	79	7,994	421	10,569	203	11	907	4	1,125
February	3,264	91	8,086	485	11,926	217	13	889	3	1,122
March	3,308	100	9,946	333	13,687	227	16	1,412	4	1,659
April	3,688	104	10,436	390	14,618	242	17	1,673	4	1,936
May	3,136	91	9,767	389	13,383	185	n.p.	1,416	n.p.	1,619
June	2,824	103	9,089	395	12,411	175	n.p.	1,486	n.p.	1,685
1993-94—										
July	3,644	107	10,809	355	14,915	252	n.p.	1,650	n.p.	1,919
August	4,694	107	10,711	587	16,099	319	n.p.	1,764	n.p.	2,134
September	2,914	86	8,501	476	11,977	202	n.p.	1,312	n.p.	1,534
October	3,686	99	11,163	392	15,340	254	n.p.	1,844	n.p.	2,114
November	4,358	94	11,956	671	17,079	336	n.p.	2,078	n.p.	2,436
December	5,587	118	12,160	774	18,639	431	n.p.	2,106	n.p.	2,570
January	2,269	68	5,023	377	7,738	150	n.p.	837	n.p.	1,000
February	3,680	92	9,153	573	13,497	280	n.p.	1,408	n.p.	1,715
1992-93										
July to February	28,287	921	81,296	3,277	113,781	2,027	137	9,418	44	11,696
1993-94										
July to February	30,831	771	79,476	4,206	115,284	2,224	n.p.	12,999	n.p.	15,421

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE - continued
(*000 litres)

Period	RED					ROSÉ				
	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
1990-91	23,185	530	21,169	1,290	46,174	903	175	4,822	49	5,949
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
1992-93—										
December	2,724	48	2,726	42	5,540	91	n.p.	478	n.p.	586
January	891	23	1,465	34	2,413	33	n.p.	187	n.p.	227
February	1,247	27	1,410	23	2,707	40	8	225	1	274
March	2,017	35	2,176	25	4,253	46	n.p.	320	n.p.	374
April	2,257	38	2,559	86	4,940	45	9	346	1	401
May	2,255	34	2,572	69	4,930	41	n.p.	334	n.p.	387
June	2,255	44	2,822	83	5,204	n.p.	n.p.	332	n.p.	388
1993-94—										
July	3,057	42	3,143	57	6,299	57	9	432	1	499
August	3,330	53	3,037	102	6,522	54	n.p.	376	n.p.	443
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	1,726	26	1,377	121	3,250	35	n.p.	232	n.p.	335
1992-93										
July to February	16,484	313	18,548	379	35,724	438	n.p.	2,775	n.p.	3,302
1993-94										
July to February	18,053	282	18,980	763	38,077	400	n.p.	2,729	n.p.	3,276

(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 at	\$'000
IMPORTS CLEARED								
1990-91	5,604	191	2,285	919	8,999	46,779	636	6,711
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
<i>1992-93—</i>								
November	421	11	319	63	813	5,448	48	585
December	454	7	287	63	812	4,282	55	567
January	369	11	161	61	602	4,450	83	1,015
February	253	17	151	68	490	3,902	48	811
March	303	4	100	90	497	2,895	50	661
April	466	9	82	77	635	2,494	24	307
May	368	7	130	51	556	3,679	56	723
June	312	7	188	21	528	2,704	64	562
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July	456	10	220	83	769	4,380	46	828
August	462	13	194	147	816	3,573	47	644
September	404	8	235	161	808	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	834	5,688	101	1,305
January	182	25	118	80	404	2,741	43	549
<i>1992-93</i>								
July to January	3,008	61	1,695	362	5,126	31,309	388	5,020
<i>1993-94</i>								
July to January	2,671	81	1,619	999	5,370	32,104	412	5,692
EXPORTS (a)								
1990-91	46,890	2,765	3,180	1,321	54,156	179,588	39	794
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
<i>1992-93—</i>								
October	7,181	162	387	62	7,793	22,118	3	64
November	6,522	96	390	116	7,124	18,716	12	164
December	4,703	49	250	61	5,064	13,072	3	101
January	6,446	95	224	86	6,850	21,496	5	77
February	5,939	141	280	51	6,410	17,388	7	50
March	8,908	198	386	16	9,508	28,653	11	147
April	8,640	72	288	33	9,033	24,405	6	50
May	11,582	220	525	67	12,394	33,426	1	8
June	10,858	183	508	45	11,593	33,955	4	47
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July	r13,018	231	510	46	r13,806	r38,042	4	43
August	r10,620	287	r667	26	r11,600	r32,183	-	9
September	r12,316	432	699	86	r13,534	r43,721	6	38
October	r11,948	441	824	319	r13,532	r38,459	4	29
November	r7,663	144	r461	82	r8,350	r22,459	3	71
December	r7,659	312	r192	r135	r8,299	r23,235	2	r35
January	5,815	84	173	26	6,098	16,024	1	56
<i>1992-93</i>								
July to January	49,541	1,036	2,744	572	53,894	155,331	45	548
<i>1993-94</i>								
July to January	69,040	1,932	3,527	721	75,220	214,124	21	282

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

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

Country/Region	Wine type				Total wine	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling (Litres)	Other	Quantity	Value (\$'000)
New Zealand	1,156,897	27,203	29,538	3,078	1,216,716	1,437
Norfolk Island	6,062	-	648	-	6,710	13
Vanuatu	28,886	-	1,125	-	30,011	49
<i>Total Oceania & Antarctica (a)</i>	<i>1,210,886</i>	<i>30,821</i>	<i>33,489</i>	<i>4,326</i>	<i>1,279,522</i>	<i>1,627</i>
Denmark	29,628	-	-	-	29,628	84
Finland	27,900	-	-	-	27,900	85
Germany	110,423	-	-	594	111,017	340
Ireland	113,931	-	-	-	113,931	409
Netherlands	37,080	27	-	-	37,107	96
Norway	57,900	-	-	-	57,900	63
Russian Federation	65,728	-	108	-	65,836	72
Sweden	1,330,054	-	-	-	1,330,054	1,933
Switzerland	50,822	-	-	-	50,822	317
United Kingdom	1,733,880	1,305	86,083	36	1,821,304	5,919
<i>Total Europe & the CIS (a)</i>	<i>3,602,653</i>	<i>1,332</i>	<i>86,191</i>	<i>1,042</i>	<i>3,691,218</i>	<i>9,397</i>
Oman	16,980	480	135	-	17,595	21
United Arab Emirates	19,205	-	900	-	20,105	38
<i>Total Middle East & North Africa (a)</i>	<i>52,418</i>	<i>480</i>	<i>1,035</i>	<i>694</i>	<i>54,627</i>	<i>85</i>
Singapore	36,483	360	2,790	1,054	40,687	172
Thailand	17,904	450	-	-	18,354	71
<i>Total Southeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>69,585</i>	<i>932</i>	<i>4,051</i>	<i>1,054</i>	<i>75,642</i>	<i>345</i>
Hong Kong	65,820	45	26,772	-	92,637	455
Japan	79,932	8,523	13,158	3,888	105,501	561
Taiwan	3,897	-	-	-	3,897	23
<i>Total Northeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>151,953</i>	<i>8,636</i>	<i>43,980</i>	<i>16,488</i>	<i>221,057</i>	<i>1,089</i>
Canada	168,915	33,954	-	-	202,869	628
USA	555,997	7,727	4,142	2,835	570,701	2,838
<i>Total North America (a)</i>	<i>724,912</i>	<i>41,681</i>	<i>4,142</i>	<i>2,835</i>	<i>773,570</i>	<i>3,466</i>
<i>Total Other Regions(b)</i>	<i>2,673</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,673</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Total All Countries</i>	<i>5,815,080</i>	<i>83,902</i>	<i>172,888</i>	<i>26,439</i>	<i>6,098,309</i>	<i>16,024</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
1990-91	8,830	29,509	666	1,264	3,385	10,232	270	54,156
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
<i>1992-93—</i>								
November	1,783	3,472	38	234	391	1,132	74	7,124
December	1,417	2,387	100	79	349	724	9	5,064
January	688	4,794	29	92	210	1,009	29	6,850
February	1,191	3,568	94	198	236	1,087	35	6,410
March	1,280	5,653	130	228	291	1,853	72	9,508
April	1,881	5,209	46	157	222	1,508	10	9,033
May	2,542	7,749	98	237	283	1,461	24	12,394
June	2,355	7,256	65	129	220	1,555	12	11,593
<i>1993-94</i>								
July	2,907	r7,662	111	195	481	2,438	12	r13,806
August	r2,171	r7,220	80	131	578	1,405	r15	r11,600
September	r1,979	8,624	111	156	468	2,151	45	r13,534
October	3,066	r7,735	63	r326	628	1,667	47	r13,532
November	r2,065	r4,417	65	r146	r332	r1,257	67	r8,350
December	r2,333	r3,811	38	r247	605	r1,240	25	r8,299
January	1,280	3,691	55	76	221	774	3	6,098
<i>1992-93—</i>								
July-January	9,002	32,188	366	1,019	2,230	8,891	197	53,894
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July-January	15,801	43,160	524	1,276	3,314	10,932	213	75,220

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. Users may wish to refer to the ABS Information Papers *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series - Estimates of 'Trend'* (1316.0) and *Time Series Decomposition - An Overview* (1317.0) for more detailed information on smoothing of seasonally adjusted time series data.

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 monthly, 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.

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