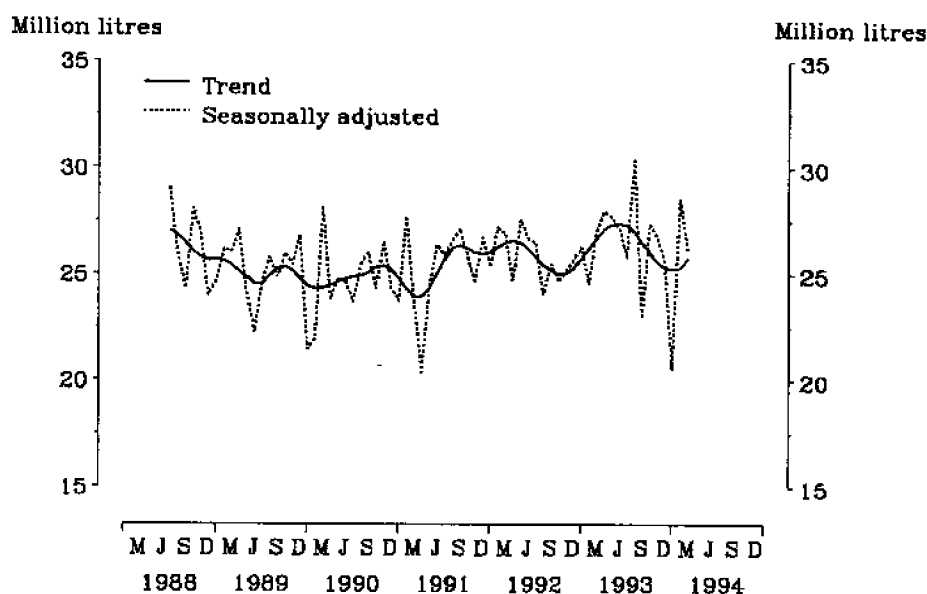


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SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS, MARCH 1994
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DOMESTIC WINE SALES



Domestic sales

As foreshadowed in recent issues of this publication, the trend series for total domestic wine sales has come out of decline and is now showing weak growth. The trend grew by 1.8 per cent between February and March 1994, following a 0.2 per cent increase between January and February 1994.

The weakness of the current trend growth is illustrated by the fact that if the seasonally adjusted sales in April 1994 fall by 2 per cent (the average monthly movement regardless of sign in this series is 6.9 per cent) the trend will start to flatten out again. Readers are reminded that recent trend estimates are provisional and could change when data for future months become available.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of total domestic sales of Australian wine fell by 8.8 per cent during March 1994 to 26.1 million litres, a decrease of 3.6 per cent on March 1993.

In original terms, total sales rose by 3.7 per cent during March 1994 to 23.5 million litres. While white table wine dominates, representing 65.3 per cent of total sales and an increase in sales of 0.9 per cent during March 1994, it was red table wine sales that increased strongly (up 17.2 per cent).

Exports

A total of 7.0 million litres of wine valued at \$21.5 million was exported from Australia in February 1994. This is 14.0 per cent higher in terms of volume than January 1994 and 9.1 per cent higher than February 1993.

In the eight months to February 1994, Australia exported 82.3 million litres of wine, 36.5 per cent or 22.0 million litres more than for the same period to February 1993. The Oceania region had the biggest percentage increase during this period with exports up 68.9 per cent or 7.0 million litres. However, the European region recorded the biggest volume increase with exports up 11.1 million litres or 31.1 per cent.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

Imports

Australia imported 0.5 million litres of wine at a cost of \$3.0 million in February 1994. For the eight months to February 1993, Australia imported 5.9 million litres of wine, 5 per cent more than for the same period in 1992-93. These imports cost \$35.1 million, a small reduction on the amount paid for wine imports in 1992-93.

A comparison of domestic wine sales (original data) for the nine months ended March 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	9 months ended March		Percentage change
	1993	1994	
	'000L	'000L	
Table			
White - bottles 1 litre and under	33,849	36,988	9.3
White - other containers	106,905	109,069	2.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>140,754</i>	<i>146,057</i>	<i>3.8</i>
Red - bottles 1 litre and under	18,499	20,250	9.5
Red - other containers	21,476	21,637	0.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>39,975</i>	<i>41,888</i>	<i>4.8</i>
Rose - bottles 1 litre and under	483	442	-8.5
Rose - other containers	3,194	3,151	-1.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,677</i>	<i>3,593</i>	<i>-2.3</i>
Total table wine	184,406	191,537	3.9
Fortified	20,362	19,033	-6.5
Sparkling			
Bottle fermented	20,734	22,089	6.5
Bulk fermented	3,752	3,362	-10.4
<i>Total sparkling wine</i>	<i>24,486</i>	<i>25,451</i>	<i>3.9</i>
Other	5,826	5,431	-6.8
TOTAL WINE SALES	235,080	241,453	2.7

For the nine months ended March 1994, domestic sales of Australian wine have increased by 2.7 per cent over the corresponding period in 1993. In this period, sales of table wine and sparkling wine increased by 3.9 and 3.9 per cent respectively, while sales of fortified and other wine types decreased by 6.5 and 6.8 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 3.8 per cent, with increases in sales of both bottled wine (9.3%) and wine sold in other containers (2.0%).
- Red wine sales increased by 4.8 per cent, also with increases in sales of both bottled wine (9.5%) and red wine in other containers of 0.7 per cent.
- Rose wine sales decreased 2.3 per cent, with a fall in sales of both bottled wine (8.5%) and other containers (1.3%).

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

Period	Wine type						Total wine			Brandy(b) (*000L. al)
	Table	Fortified	Spark- ling	Carbon- ated	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—										
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	r27,311	139
August	25,198	2,604	2,795	279	270	66	31,212	30,398	r26,993	177
September	18,283	2,133	1,749	255	204	102	22,726	22,975	r26,487	87
October	22,814	1,751	3,339	253	181	139	28,477	27,404	r25,986	87
November	25,291	2,480	4,227	375	312	128	32,813	26,684	r25,569	132
December	27,119	2,737	6,410	509	251	154	37,180	25,595	r25,306	151
January	10,926	1,109	1,197	r153	n.p.	n.p.	r13,607	r20,536	r25,239	72
February	18,797	1,490	1,968	206	n.p.	n.p.	22,644	28,573	r25,296	76
March	19,478	1,855	1,720	191	136	111	23,491	26,058	25,756	n.y.a.
1992-93—										
July to March	184,406	20,365	24,485	2,666	2,147	1,014	235,083	..	..	995
1993-94—										
July to March	191,537	19,033	25,451	2,575	1,853	1,003	241,453	..	..	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 fermen- tation	Bulk fermen- tation	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—										
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.
March	152	173	448	988	83	10	1,446	274	44	67
1992-93—										
July to March	1,500	1,756	4,885	11,183	907	134	20,734	3,751	458	556
1993-94—										
July to March	1,330	1,594	4,246	10,922	846	95	22,089	3,362	445	558

(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>
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
<i>1992-93—</i>										
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
<i>1993-94—</i>										
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	69	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
March	3,745	92	9,576	783	14,196	187	12	953	3	1,155
1992-93										
July to March	31,595	1,021	91,242	3,610	127,468	2,254	153	10,830	48	13,355
<i>1993-94</i>										
July to March	34,576	863	89,052	4,989	129,480	2,411	131	13,952	82	16,576

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

Period	RED					ROSÉ				
	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>
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
<i>1992-93—</i>										
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
<i>1993-94—</i>										
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
March	2,197	76	1,378	160	3,810	42	n.p.	265	n.p.	317
<i>1992-93</i>										
July to March	18,501	348	20,724	404	39,977	484	n.p.	3,095	n.p.	3,676
<i>1993-94</i>										
July to March	20,250	357	20,357	923	41,888	442	n.p.	2,995	n.p.	3,593

(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								
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
1992-93—								
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
1993-94—								
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	r833	r5,687	101	r1,306
January	182	25	118	80	404	2,741	43	r551
February	250	14	224	60	549	2,977	49	507
1992-93								
July to February	3,262	78	1,846	430	5,616	35,211	436	5,832
1993-94								
July to February	2,921	95	1,843	1,059	5,919	35,079	461	6,202
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
1992-93—								
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
1993-94—								
July	13,018	231	510	46	13,806	38,042	4	43
August	10,620	287	667	26	r11,601	r32,188	-	9
September	r12,317	432	699	86	r13,535	r43,722	6	38
October	r11,949	441	824	319	r13,533	r38,463	4	29
November	r7,670	144	r462	82	r8,358	r22,508	3	71
December	r7,684	r313	r200	r136	r8,332	r23,408	2	35
January	r5,848	84	r174	26	r6,132	r16,194	1	56
February	6,578	177	218	17	6,991	21,513	1	6
1992-93								
July to February	55,480	1,178	3,024	623	60,304	172,718	52	598
1993-94								
July to February	75,684	2,110	3,754	739	82,287	236,038	21	288

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

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

Country/Region	Wine type				Total wine	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling (Litres)	Other	Quantity	Value (\$'000)
Fiji	35,920	660	1,900	-	38,480	85
New Zealand	1,178,690	93,873	18,927	288	1,291,778	1,902
Vanuatu	32,390	-	450	300	33,140	50
<i>Total Oceania & Antarctica (a)</i>	<i>1,280,527</i>	<i>99,917</i>	<i>27,875</i>	<i>2,853</i>	<i>1,411,172</i>	<i>2,230</i>
Denmark	103,152	-	-	-	103,152	212
Finland	22,350	-	-	-	22,350	56
Germany	75,701	3,600	-	-	79,301	519
Ireland	165,506	-	4,050	-	169,556	585
Netherlands	127,790	-	-	360	128,150	468
Norway	33,900	-	-	-	33,900	41
Russian Federation	12,900	-	-	-	12,900	63
Sweden	618,276	-	-	-	618,276	945
Switzerland	44,870	-	225	-	45,095	296
United Kingdom	2,273,863	26,083	110,985	117	2,411,048	8,341
<i>Total Europe & the CIS (a)</i>	<i>3,518,151</i>	<i>29,683</i>	<i>115,575</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>3,663,886</i>	<i>11,719</i>
Oman	11,790	-	975	-	12,765	23
United Arab Emirates	67,234	560	5,130	600	73,524	135
<i>Total Middle East & North Africa (a)</i>	<i>79,024</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>6,105</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>86,289</i>	<i>158</i>
Malaysia	31,594	-	1,200	8,505	41,299	139
Singapore	37,606	-	450	2,075	40,131	203
Thailand	38,035	450	6,750	-	45,235	108
<i>Total Southeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>124,210</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>9,561</i>	<i>11,310</i>	<i>145,531</i>	<i>509</i>
Hong Kong	38,907	55	21,187	1,135	61,284	281
Japan	133,901	713	15,237	189	150,040	318
Republic of Korea	72,123	-	-	-	72,123	51
<i>Total Northeast Asia (a)</i>	<i>267,386</i>	<i>768</i>	<i>38,224</i>	<i>1,870</i>	<i>308,248</i>	<i>764</i>
Canada	347,622	14,649	7,974	-	370,245	1,508
USA	954,437	12,227	12,645	-	979,309	4,576
<i>Total North America (a)</i>	<i>1,302,059</i>	<i>26,876</i>	<i>20,619</i>	-	<i>1,349,554</i>	<i>6,084</i>
<i>Total Other Regions(b)</i>	<i>6,667</i>	<i>19,205</i>	<i>27</i>	-	<i>25,899</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Total All Countries</i>	<i>6,578,024</i>	<i>177,459</i>	<i>217,986</i>	<i>17,110</i>	<i>6,990,579</i>	<i>21,513</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>								
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	7,662	111	195	481	2,438	12	13,806
August	2,171	7,220	80	131	578	1,405	15	11,601
September	1,980	8,624	111	156	468	2,151	45	13,535
October	1,067	7,735	63	326	628	1,667	47	13,533
November	1,064	4,417	65	147	332	1,265	67	8,358
December	1,335	3,819	49	248	606	1,251	25	8,332
January	1,281	3,722	55	76	221	774	3	6,132
February	1,411	3,664	86	146	308	1,350	26	6,991
<i>1992-93—</i>								
July-February	10,193	35,757	460	1,217	2,467	9,978	233	60,304
<i>1993-94—</i>								
July-February	17,217	46,862	621	1,424	3,622	12,301	239	82,287

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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