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COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL PRODUCTION 1956 -

New All-Time Record Levels

Output of both coal and steel in the European Coal and Steel Community in 1956 reached new all-time record levels. Provisional figures released by the Statistics Division of the High Authority show steel production at 56,720,000 metric tons, an increase of some 8% over the previous year's level of 52,588,000. Coal production rose by 1.1% to 248,992,000 metric tons, from 246,401,000 in 1955.

The following table shows a breakdown of steel production by member countries of the Community (in metric tons) :

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>%age Change</u>
Germany	23,187,000	21,336,000	+ 8.7%
Belgium	6,364,000	5,894,000	+ 8.0%
France	13,390,000	12,592,000	+ 6.3%
Saar	3,375,000	3,166,000	+ 6.6%
Italy	5,900,000	5,395,000	+ 9.4%
Luxembourg	3,455,000	3,226,000	+ 7.1%
Netherlands	1,049,000	979,000	+ 7.2%
COMMUNITY	56,720,000	52,588,000	+ 7.9%

For coal the breakdown is as follows (in metric tons) :

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>%age Change</u>
Germany	134,378,000	130,728,000	+ 2.8%
Belgium	29,546,000	29,978,000	- 1.5%
France	55,121,000	55,335,000	- 0.4%
Saar	17,078,000	17,329,000	- 1.5%
Italy	1,049,000	1,136,000	- 8.0%
Netherlands	11,821,000	11,895,000	- 0.6%
COMMUNITY	248,992,000	246,401,000	+ 1.1%

Community output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys also rose to a new record level, reaching 43,569,000 tons, or 6.2% more than the 41,015,000 tons produced in 1955.

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>%age Change</u>
Germany	17,576,000	16,482,000	+ 6.6%
Belgium	5,662,000	5,320,000	+ 6.4%
France	11,436,000	10,941,000	+ 4.5%
Saar	3,020,000	2,879,000	+ 4.9%
Italy	1,936,000	1,677,000	+15.4%
Luxembourg	3,276,000	3,048,000	+ 7.5%
Netherlands	663,000	668,000	- 0.7%
COMMUNITY	<u>43,569,000</u>	<u>41,015,000</u>	+ 6.2%