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COMMUNITY COKE PRODUCTION, 1956

New Record Level

Output of coke in the European Coal and Steel Community in 1956 reached a new record level of 74,784,000 metric tons, according to provisional figures released by the Statistics Division of the High Authority. This represented an increase of 9.0% over the 1955 figure of 68,633,000 metric tons. The breakdown by countries for 1956 and 1955 was as follows (in thousands of metric tons):

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>%change</u>
Germany	43,434	40,520	+ 8.2
Belgium	7,269	6,600	+10.1
France	12,226	10,725	+14.1
Saar	4,215	3,939	+ 7.0
Italy	3,409	2,949	+15.6
Netherlands	4,230	3,901	+ 8.4
COMMUNITY	74,784	68,633	+ 9.0

Total coke stocks at coking plant at the end of December 1956 stood at 531,000 metric tons, as compared with 555,000 at the end of December 1955 and 539,000 at the end of November 1956.

Pit-head coal stocks at the end of December 1956 stood at 5,930,000 metric tons as against 7,511,000 at the end of December 1955 and 6,618,000 tons at the end of November 1956.

