
HIGH AUTHORITY

Information Service

PRESS RELEASE

Community Coal and Steel Production in March

Steel output in the European Coal and Steel Community in March reached 5,094,000 metric tons, according to provisional figures published here today by the Statistics Division of the High Authority;

The March total compared with 4,669,000 tons in February and 4,837,000 in March 1956.

Community output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys also rose in March, reaching 3,823,000 metric tons against 3,483,000 in February and 3,673,000 in March 1956.

Output of coal in the Community, at 21,300,000 metric tons, was higher than the total of 20,429,000 in February, but below the 22,315,000 produced in March 1956. (There were five Sundays in March this year, compared with four in March 1956).

The following table shows the breakdown of March output of steel, pig-iron and coal by member countries of the Community:

	<u>Steel</u>	<u>Pig-Iron</u>	<u>Coal</u>
	(in thousands of metric tons)		
Germany	2,053	1,541	11,566
Saar	300	273	1,411
Belgium	572	508	2,521
France	1,209	1,005	4,786
Italy	562	165	82
Luxembourg	296	287	
Netherlands	102	44	934
COMMUNITY	5,094	3,823	21,300