

Rimu exports recovered most of the ground lost in the previous year, being 2,500,000 board feet higher, though still slightly below the 1935 record. Contrary to expectations, insignis-pine shooks did not reach the 1935 level, but nevertheless showed a substantial increase on the previous year.

The recession in silver-beech exports so prominent over the 1935-36 period has not continued, but increased production costs, with the necessity for increased prices, have intensified marketing problems in Australia.

The most noteworthy feature of the export statistics is that, without exception, the major items, including kauri-gum, showed a substantial increase in unit values.

TABLE 6.

REPORTED PRODUCTION OF ROUGH-SAWN TIMBER, BY SPECIES.

(From information supplied by the Government Statistician. All figures refer to the years ended 31st March, 1935-37.)

Species.	1935.		1936.		1937.	
	Quantity.	Percentage of Total Quantity.	Quantity.	Percentage of Total Quantity.	Quantity.	Percentage of Total Quantity.
	Ft. b.m.		Ft. b.m.		Ft. b.m.	
Rimu	125,488,000	51.4	157,631,000	53.8	174,779,000	57.1
White-pine	52,294,000	21.5	52,075,000	17.8	46,959,000	15.1
Matai	13,880,000	5.7	19,069,000	6.6	20,295,000	6.6
Kauri	5,553,000	2.3	7,332,000	2.5	7,791,000	2.5
Totara	8,867,000	3.6	11,778,000	4.0	11,444,000	3.8
Beech	7,725,000	3.2	8,855,000	3.0	8,809,000	2.9
Insignis pine	27,311,000	11.2	34,104,000	11.6	31,484,000	10.3
Miro	915,000	0.4	772,000	0.3	1,777,000	0.6
Tawa	746,000	0.3	25,000	..	439,000	0.1
Rata	92,000	..	126,000	..	155,000	..
Other	911,000	0.4	1,308,000	0.4	1,957,000	0.7
Total	243,782,000	100.0	293,075,000	100.0	305,889,000	100.0

TABLE 7.

REPORTED PRODUCTION OF ROUGH-SAWN TIMBER, BY PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS.

(From information supplied by the Government Statistician. All figures refer to the years ended 31st March, 1935-37.)

Provincial District.	1935.		1936.		1937.	
	Quantity.	Percentage of Total Quantity.	Quantity.	Percentage of Total Quantity.	Quantity.	Percentage of Total Quantity.
	Ft. b.m.		Ft. b.m.		Ft. b.m.	
Auckland	100,780,000	41.3	118,538,000	40.4	128,602,000	42.1
Hawke's Bay	11,867,000	4.9	12,781,000	4.4	12,716,000	4.2
Taranaki	2,291,000	0.9	4,330,000	1.5	4,967,000	1.6
Wellington	22,731,000	9.3	22,937,000	7.8	21,696,000	7.1
Marlborough	2,954,000	1.2	2,511,000	0.9	1,817,000	0.6
Nelson	11,198,000	4.6	17,322,000	5.9	14,700,000	4.8
Westland	57,543,000	23.6	73,921,000	25.2	77,726,000	25.4
Canterbury	5,085,000	2.1	6,085,000	2.1	7,357,000	2.4
Otago	5,489,000	2.3	6,476,000	2.2	7,143,000	2.3
Southland	23,844,000	9.8	28,174,000	9.6	29,135,000	9.5
Totals	243,782,000	100.0	293,075,000	100.0	305,889,000	100.0