

Production growth slows in 2006–07

The production index of consumer durable posted a growth of nine per cent in 2006–07 as against 15.3 per cent rise registered a year-ago. In March 2007 the index posted a 2.7 per cent growth which was way below the 21 per cent rise recorded in March 2006. Production for the first half of the year showed a robust growth. Production growth from October 2006 started to slip to post lower growth. Due to a general rise in the consumer price coupled with higher interest rates, the index suffered erosion in growth for the year.

Production of pressure cookers, washing machines, electric fans, TV receivers and wrist watches was down during March 2007. Annual production of pressure cooker, air conditioners and TV receivers for 2006–07 was lower than previous years figure.

Consumer demand for domestic refrigerators, Passenger car, AC and tractors have increased during

the year. Hence, the production of these goods has increased during the year at a healthy rate.

Production index of consumer non-durables for April–March 2006–07 was marginally lower at 10.3 per cent against 10.9 per cent for the year-ago period.

Figure 8.12 Production Index of Consumer Durable Goods (% change over previous year)

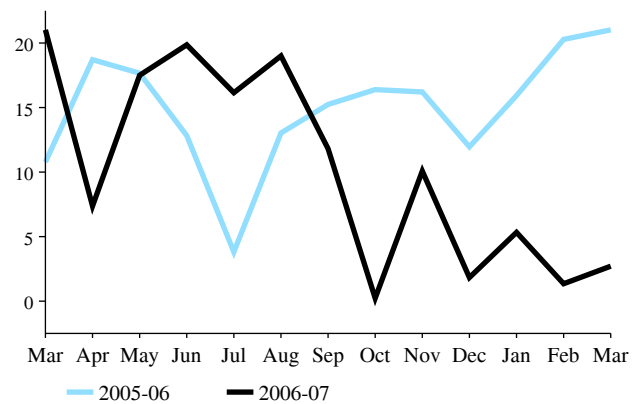


Table 8.15 Production Statistics of Selected Consumer Durable Goods

	Pressure cookers Prodn. (Nos.)	Washing machines Prodn. (Nos.)	Air conditioners Prodn. (Nos.)	Refrigerators Prodn. (‘000 nos)	Electric fans Prodn. (Lakh nos)	TV receivers Prodn. (‘000 nos)	Wrist watches Prodn. (‘000 nos)	Bicycles Prodn. (‘000 nos)
Mar 2006	315946	106263	56536	584.5	11.8	490.6	1813.0	801.6
Apr 2006	252566	103256	70980	584.4	9.7	409.2	1324.0	654.1
May 2006	293493	132551	66146	595.8	10.1	519.3	1752.0	782.4
Jun 2006	311750	171954	42071	489.5	9.9	496.7	986.0	847.3
Jul 2006	316264	183334	26326	415.9	9.1	526.3	895.0	889.2
Aug 2006	334810	188630	25945	475.2	8.9	978.4	1081.0	875.8
Sep 2006	352749	230313	26866	539.7	8.6	550.9	1177.0	962.2
Oct 2006	304168	188571	26851	559.6	8.2	533.1	959.0	855.5
Nov 2006	293910	192302	21528	444.9	8.8	301.8	1144.0	802.2
Dec 2006	268300	135459	20377	396.8	9.4	265.5	1111.0	857.0
Jan 2007	250945	182871	40467	568.2	10.5	431.7	1093.0	1019.4
Feb 2007	242013	130191	54634	644.8	10.9	399.8	1088.0	994.1
Mar 2007	264911	115618	68904	733.7	11.1	440.5	1362.0	997.4
Apr–Mar	4144194	1756626	515485	5158.7	107.4	6059.8	17964.0	8267.7
2005–06	3485879	1955050	491095	6448.5	115.1	5853.2	13972.0	10536.5
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Official statistics underestimate the production of pressure cookers, washing machines, refrigerators and TV receivers.