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Community steel production in September was still running ahead of the 1955 total, and was up on the output for August according to provisional figures issued by the High Authority's Statistics Division. September output totalled 4,722,000 metric tons, compared with 4,679,000 in August and 4,468,000 in September of last year. The September figure brought the total output for the first nine months of the year to 41,958,000 metric tons - an increase of 8.1% on the total of 38,820,000 metric tons for the corresponding period last year. The breakdown was as follows (in metric tons):

	<u>September 1956</u>	<u>January-September 1956</u>
Germany	1,921,000	17,225,000
Belgium	515,000	4,712,000
France	1,124,000	9,341,000
Saar	281,000	2,503,000
Italy	515,000	4,338,000
Luxembourg	284,000	2,565,000
Netherlands	82,000	774,000
COMMUNITY Total	4,722,000	41,958,000

Output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys in September reached 3,651,000 metric tons, compared with 3,636,000 in August and 3,443,000 in September last year. For the nine-month period, output totalled 32,361,000 metric tons, an increase of 6.7% over the figure of 30,330,000 tons for the corresponding period of 1955.

September coal output fell slightly below the level of a year earlier, reaching 19,534,000 metric tons as against 20,576,000 in August and 20,299,000 in September 1955. For the 9-month period, however, total coal production stood at 185,963,000 metric tons, 1.5% above the total of 183,193,000 for the corresponding period of 1955. The breakdown by countries was as follows (in metric tons):

	<u>September 1956</u>	<u>January-September 1956</u>
Germany	10,769,000	100,515,000
Belgium	2,220,000	22,013,000
France	4,134,000	40,783,000
Saar	1,369,000	12,903,000
Italy	92,000	613,000
Netherlands	950,000	3,876,000
COMMUNITY Total	19,534,000	185,963,000

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