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## ***Growth in manufacturing output levels off in third quarter***

After seasonal adjustment, production by the manufacturing industry in the third quarter of this year was only 0.3% higher than in the second quarter. Compared with the third quarter of last year the average daily output in manufacturing was 3% higher according to provisional figures from Statistics Netherlands.

### ***Output up in September***

Manufacturing output in September was over 4% higher than in September last year and 1.8% higher than in the summer months July and August, after seasonal adjustment. All sectors of manufacturing contributed to the growth, according to Statistics Netherlands. The largest increases were observed in production by the wood and construction materials, and the food, drink and tobacco industries.

### ***Output up in all sectors***

All sectors of industry contributed to the growth of production in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period last year. The largest increase - nearly 4% - was reported in the petrochemical and rubber industry. Output by the metal industry rose by 3.5% in the same period. In the food industry, paper and publishing and wood and construction materials, output increased by 2.5%.

The textile and clothing and leather industries lagged behind somewhat with 1.8% growth in the first nine months of this year, but this was an improvement on the decrease in output in these branches of industry last year.

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