

# Wadjemup Salt Production History

History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

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**1. What was Wadjemup historically the primary source of in Western Australia?**

- A) Water
- B) Salt**
- C) Timber
- D) Minerals

**2. Who was the first person to commercially harvest Rottneest salt?**

- A) An Aboriginal prisoner
- B) Robert Thomson**
- C) A Fremantle merchant
- D) The island administrator

**3. When did Aboriginal prisoners arrive on the island, marking the start of large-scale salt production?**

- A) 1838**
- B) 1867
- C) 1950
- D) 1869

**4. How was the salt collected by the prisoners?**

- A) By machine
- B) With nets
- C) With picks and shovels**
- D) By evaporation

**5. What was used to transport the collected salt to the Settlement?**

- A) A boat
- B) A horse cart**
- C) A train
- D) By hand

**6. In what year was the building constructed to store salt before shipping?**

- A) 1838
- B) 1869
- C) 1959
- D) 1867**

**7. To which port was the salt shipped from the island?**

- A) Perth
- B) Albany
- C) Fremantle**
- D) Bunbury

**8. What type of salt was initially exported?**

- A) Refined salt
- B) Table salt
- C) Crude salt**
- D) Sea salt

**9. When was a large salt-works erected to produce refined salt?**

- A) 1838
- B) 1867
- C) 1869**
- D) 1950

**10. What was the weekly output of the salt-works in terms of high-quality salt?**

- A) One ton**
- B) Ten tons
- C) Half a ton
- D) Five tons

**11. What factor eventually made salt production unproductive?**

- A) Lack of labor
- B) Low market demand
- C) High cost of fuel wood**
- D) Competition from other sources

**12. What material was used to fire the salt boilers?**

- A) Coal
- B) Gas
- C) Wood**
- D) Electricity

**13. In what year was the salt-works building demolished?**

- A) 1867
- B) 1950
- C) 1959**
- D) 2012

**14. What is the significance of the remaining salt store building?**

A) It's a modern replica

**B) It's one of the most intact 19th-century buildings in the Settlement**

C) It was the original prisoner barracks

D) It was used as a lighthouse

**15. What was the building used for many years after the salt-works closed?**

A) A museum

B) A tourist information center

**C) The offices of the island administrators**

D) A restaurant