



Australian Farming in Brief

2003



LAND USE ON FARMS

		1992	1997	2002
Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	122.1	145.1	135.4
Total area of establishments	m ha	466.0	462.2	447.0
Area of crops	m ha	16.4	21.1	24.1
Total area of Australia	m ha	768.2	768.2	769.2
(a) For 1992, count of establishments with EVAO of \$22,500 or more; for 1997 and 2002, count of establishments with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.				

NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY, BY INDUSTRY(a)

	1992	1997	2002
Plant nurseries	2 128	2 074	2 220
Cut flowers and flower seed growing	(b)—	989	945
Vegetable growing	4 602	4 799	4 805
Grape growing	3 534	5 008	6 833
Apple and pear growing	1 250	1 267	919
Stone fruit growing	1 033	1 372	1 258
Kiwi fruit growing	32	39	^ 34
Fruit growing n.e.c.	3 908	5 408	5 446
Grain growing	8 683	16 352	15 911
Grain–sheep/beef cattle farming	19 460	20 517	15 610
Sheep–beef cattle farming	11 268	9 621	8 424
Sheep farming	19 511	14 346	13 911
Beef cattle farming	19 827	32 817	34 110
Dairy cattle farming	13 493	13 975	11 135
Poultry farming (meat)	670	743	790
Poultry farming (eggs)	607	506	^ 481
Pig farming	1 486	1 187	1 159
Horse farming	1 210	1 803	1 777
Deer farming	312	222	^ 125
Livestock farming n.e.c.	578	1 759	^ 725
Sugar cane growing	4 979	5 023	4 747
Cotton growing	812	966	697
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	1 173	1 332	1 806
<i>Total agricultural industries</i>	<i>120 556</i>	<i>142 125</i>	<i>133 868</i>
<i>All other industries</i>	<i>1 496</i>	<i>2 957</i>	<i>1 509</i>
Total all industries	122 052	145 082	135 377

(a) For 1992, count of establishments with EVAO of \$22,500 or more; for 1997 and 2002, count of establishments with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

(b) Included in 'Plant nurseries'.

**ESTABLISHMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY, BY ESTIMATED
VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS(a)**

	1992	1997	2002
\$0–\$22,499	7 393	29 759	25 832
\$22,500–\$49,999	21 378	22 285	20 579
\$50,000–\$99,999	30 858	24 029	21 336
\$100,000–\$149,999	21 497	16 812	14 103
\$150,000–\$199,999	13 375	12 787	10 906
\$200,000–\$349,999	16 691	20 222	18 779
\$350,000–\$499,999	5 302	8 170	9 357
\$500,000–\$999,999	3 993	7 667	10 134
\$1,000,000–\$1,999,999	1 077	2 305	3 054
\$2,000,000 and more	488	1 046	1 297
Total	122 052	145 082	135 377

(a) For 1992, count of establishments with EVAO of \$22,500 or more; for 1997 and 2002, count of establishments with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

	1992	1997	2002
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	2 432	2 958	3 131
Meat cattle	21 447	23 736	24 739
Sheep and lambs	148 203	120 228	106 166
Pigs	2 570	2 555	2 940
Chickens for meat(a)(b)	44 318	67 373	72 144
Chickens for eggs(b)	10 735	14 059	12 858

(a) Excludes establishments in Tas.

(b) Data for 1992 do not include breeding stock.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS,
YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE**

		1992	1997	2002
Livestock slaughterings				
Cattle	'000	7 621	7 270	7 624
Calves	'000	1 066	1 141	963
Sheep	'000	18 580	14 340	14 441
Lambs	'000	15 380	14 579	17 400
Pigs	'000	5 055	4 796	5 402
Chickens(a)	'000	293 507	340 908	415 556
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1 747	1 772	1 996
Veal	'000 t	38	38	31
Mutton	'000 t	388	296	296
Lamb	'000 t	268	270	348
Pig meat	'000 t	331	336	396
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t	416	488	667
Wool receivals	'000 t	837	685	537
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	6 732	9 039	11 271
Eggs	'000 dozen	(b)131 053	(b)177 409	187 027

(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

(b) Year ended 31 March.

MAJOR CROPS

			1992	1997	2002
Crops for grain					
Barley	Production	'000 t	4 530	6 696	8 280
	Area	'000 ha	2 744	3 366	3 707
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1 447	1 425	2 021
	Area	'000 ha	569	544	823
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1 047	1 522	1 215
	Area	'000 ha	939	1 259	1 139
Oats	Production	'000 t	1 690	1 653	1 434
	Area	'000 ha	1 160	1 052	784
Rice	Production	'000 t	957	1 255	1 192
	Area	'000 ha	114	152	144
Wheat	Production	'000 t	10 557	22 924	24 299
	Area	'000 ha	7 183	10 936	11 529
Crops for hay					
Cereals	Production	'000 t	1 438	1 220	1 716
	Area	'000 ha	437	326	434
Non-cereal crops	Production	'000 t	(a)	109	124
	Area	'000 ha	(a)	36	^ 41
Other crops					
Canola	Production	'000 t	170	623	1 756
	Area	'000 ha	151	407	1 332
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	469	560	675
	Area	'000 ha	312	378	458
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	20 640	38 633	31 424
	Area	'000 ha	329	390	426
Fruit					
Apples	Production	'000 t	316	353	321
	Trees(b)	'000	4 539	5 656	8 070
Bananas	Production	'000 t	177	200	313
	Bearing area	'000 ha	8	10	13
Grapes	Production	'000 t	987	943	1 754
	Bearing area	'000 ha	56	72	143
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	17	32	41
	Trees(b)	'000	365	671	1 006
Oranges	Production	'000 t	470	523	451
	Trees(b)	'000	5 910	6 736	6 767
Pears (excl. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	176	168	145
	Trees(b)	'000	1 372	1 416	1 312
Vegetables					
Carrots	Production	'000 t	158	257	331
	Area	'000 ha	5	7	8
Onions, white and brown	Production	'000 t	221	196	283
	Area	'000 ha	5	5	6
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1 150	1 286	1 333
	Area	'000 ha	40	41	38
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	331	393	425
	Area	'000 ha	9	9	8

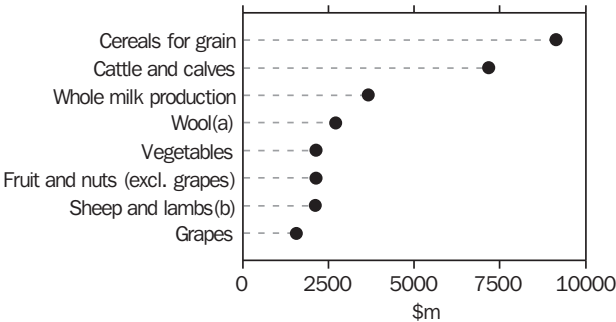
(a) Data not collected in all states.

(b) Number of trees refers to trees of bearing age. For all fruits except apples, this is trees six years and over. For apples, the 2002 figure refers to trees four years and over while the 1992 and 1997 figures refer to trees six years and over.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

	1992	1997	2002p
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Crops			
Cereals for grain	3 429.7	7 177.4	9 128.4
Cotton	878.7	1 156.1	^ 1 217.5
Crops for hay	159.0	154.9	201.2
Legumes for grain	395.4	593.8	718.4
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	(a)1 303.5	1 667.8	2 137.1
Grapes	(a)433.0	721.4	1 570.0
Nursery production	(a)481.4	642.6	794.7
Oilseeds	107.9	325.5	738.6
Sugar cane cut for crushing	602.7	1 186.4	1 012.6
Vegetables	(a)1 242.4	1 662.3	2 140.7
Pastures and grasses	598.9	496.9	765.2
All other crops n.e.i.	232.5	210.6	388.8
Total crops	9 865.1	15 995.8	20 813.2
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals			
Cattle and calves	3 801.9	3 597.0	7 162.5
Sheep and lambs(b)	460.6	1 042.6	2 126.6
Pigs	(c)658.6	(c)764.8	967.8
Poultry	(c)778.0	(c)932.0	1 155.9
Other livestock	10.2	13.6	31.9
Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals	(d)5 730.3	(d)6 372.9	11 444.8
Livestock products			
Wool(e)	2 979.5	2 621.2	2 703.3
Whole milk production	(f)1 960.0	(f)2 808.9	3 665.4
Eggs	(f)272.7	(f)274.9	357.7
Honey	25.0	(f)45.9	44.0
Beeswax	1.3	2.7	2.0
Total livestock products	(f)5 238.6	(f)5 753.5	6 772.4
Total agriculture	20 847.4	28 130.8	39 030.4
(a) Excludes ACT; ACT included in 'All other crops n.e.i.'. (d) Excludes pigs and poultry in the NT; these are included in 'Total agriculture'.			
(b) Excludes value of wool on skins. (e) Includes dead wool and wool on skins.			
(c) Excludes Tas. and NT; Tas. data included in 'Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals'; NT data included in 'Total agriculture'. (f) Excludes NT; NT included in 'Total agriculture'.			

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED—2002p



(a) Includes dead wool and wool on skins.

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.

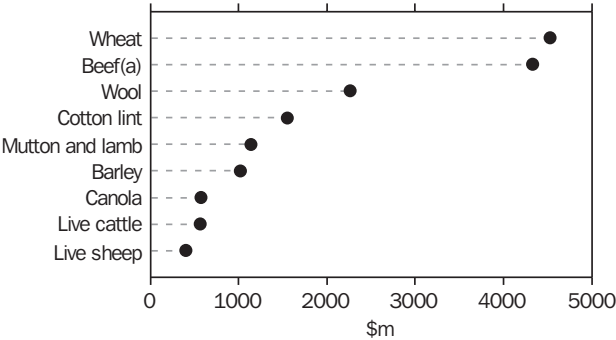
EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

			1992	1997	2002
Crops					
Barley					
Quantity	'000 t		1 964	3 916	4 384
Value	\$m		297	815	1 017
Canola					
Quantity	'000 t		11	283	1 303
Value	\$m		3	124	572
Cotton lint					
Quantity	'000 t		458	505	718
Value	\$m		945	1 077	1 547
Rice					
Quantity	'000 t		518	551	588
Value	\$m		244	313	282
Wheat					
Quantity	'000 t		8 097	18 239	16 205
Value	\$m		1 510	4 301	4 527
Livestock					
Live cattle					
Quantity	'000		137	895	821
Value	\$m		76	445	561
Live sheep					
Quantity	'000		4 450	5 299	6 533
Value	\$m		91	193	399
Livestock products					
Beef(a)					
Quantity	'000 t		799	746	933
Value	\$m		2 780	2 112	4 333
Mutton and lamb					
Quantity	'000 t		223	205	284
Value	\$m		398	540	1 140
Wool (greasy)					
Quantity	'000 t		624	499	401
Value	\$m		2 568	2 176	2 259

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2003.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES—2002



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2003.

EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

	1992	1997	2002
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Plant nurseries	3	6	11
Cut flower and flower seed growing	24	26	27
Vegetable growing	137	204	267
Grape growing(a)	119	119	150
Apple and pear growing	70	58	54
Stone fruit growing	10	20	63
Kiwi fruit growing	—	2	7
Fruit growing n.e.c.	84	190	272
Grain growing	1 897	5 381	6 240
Sheep farming(b)	2 663	2 378	2 667
Beef cattle farming(b)	76	445	561
Poultry farming (meat)(b)	—	—	—
Poultry farming (eggs)	1	3	1
Pig farming	—	1	2
Horse farming	34	43	130
Livestock farming n.e.c.	22	36	48
Sugar cane growing(c)	—	—	—
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	63	78	143
Total agriculture	5 203	8 991	10 643

- (a) Excludes wine.
(b) Includes exports of live animals but excludes meat exports.
(c) Includes exports of sugar cane only.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2003.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	NT	Northern Territory
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	t	tonnes
EVAO	estimated value of agricultural operations	Tas.	Tasmania
ha	hectares	'000	thousands
m	million	\$m	million dollars
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified	—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
n.e.i.	not elsewhere included	^	relative standard error equal to or greater than 10% but less than 25%

NOTES

The scope of the 2001–02 Agricultural Survey and 1996–97 Agricultural Census is establishments having an EVAO of \$5,000 or more. In 1991–92, the cut-off was \$22,500 or more. The reference period for 2002 is the year ending 30 June. In 1997 and 1992, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of establishments were collected as of 31 March.

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