

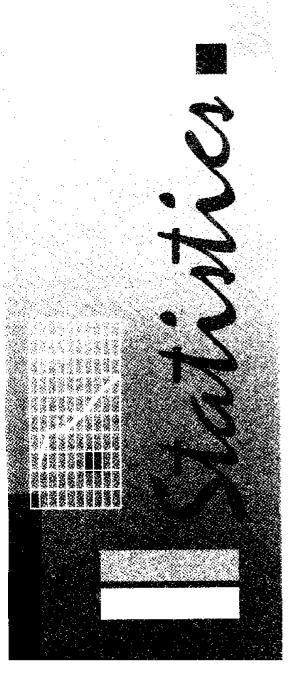
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Preliminary results from the agricultural census for the 1995–96 season show improved conditions for agricultural production in Queensland resulting in significantly larger grain crops.

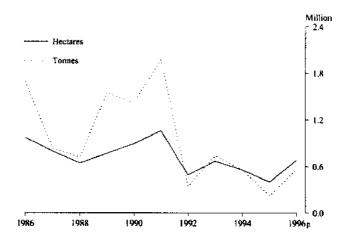
CROPS

In terms of area, the two main cereal crops grown for grain were wheat and grain sorghum.

The area planted to grain sorghum increased by 21.3% from the previous season to 629,800 hectares. Grain sorghum was sown in all Statistical Divisions (SDs), the major contributor to area sown being Darling Downs which accounted for 44.7% of the State's area sown (see table 1).

The area sown to wheat for grain increased by 70.7% from the previous season to 683,800 hectares; production increased by 149.1% to 560,800 tonnes. Wheat was sown in all SDs except Central West and North West, the major contributor to production being Darling Downs which accounted for 74.4% of the State's production (see table 1).

WHEAT, YEARS ENDED 31 MARCH



HORTICULTURE

In the year ended 31 March 1996, total mandarin production increased by 11.5% to 42,200 tonnes. The number of mandarin trees six years and over increased by 12.9% to 404,000. The major SD in terms of tree numbers and production was Wide Bay-Burnett which accounted for 85.0% of the State's production (see table 5).

In the year ended 31 March 1996, the number of apple trees six years and over decreased by 11.6% to 434,800. The major apple growing area in Queensland was the Darling Downs SD which accounted for virtually all of the apple trees six years and over (see table 5). Production figures for apples were not available at the time of release of this publication.

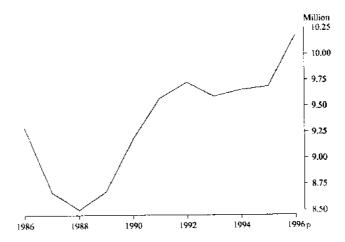
In the year ended 31 March 1996, the area planted to banana trees of bearing age increased by 5.2% to 5,200 hectares; production increased by 7.6% to 161,800 tonnes. The major area in terms of production was the Far North SD which accounted for 92.5% of the State's production (see table 6).

LIVESTOCK

The meat cattle herd numbered 10.2 million at 31 March 1996, an increase of 5.1% from the previous season (see table 8). The major SDs in terms of numbers were Fitzroy (17.7% of the State's herd), Darling Downs (14.2%), North West (13.6%) and South West (11.5%).

The milk cattle herd remained virtually unchanged at just under 300,000 head at 31 March 1996. The major areas in terms of numbers were the Moreton and Brisbane SDs which together accounted for 35.1% of the State's milk cattle (see table 9).

MEAT CATTLE, AT 31 MARCH



The total number of sheep and lambs at 31 March 1996 was 10.8 million, a decrease of 7.0% from the previous season. The major areas in terms of sheep and lamb numbers were the South West and Central West SDs which together accounted for 77.1% of the State's flock (see table 10). The number of lambs marked increased by 7.8% to 2.4 million (see table 11).

SHEEP AND LAMBS, AT 31 MARCH



CROPS

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF CEREALS FOR GRAIN BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Barley		Grain sorghum		Wheat	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
Statistical division	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Moreton and Brisbane	2.3	4.4	3.3	n.y.a.	0.7	1.1
Wide Bay-Burnett	4.6	5.6	15.3	n.y.a.	6.1	7.7
Darling Downs	157.6	191.4	281.4	n.y.a.	421.4	417.4
South West	11.1	4.7	47.0	n.y.a.	140.4	73.2
Fitzroy	5.9	4.7	191.6	n.y.a.	102.0	50.2
Central West		_	0.2	n.y.a.		
Mackay	1.2	1.3	89.9	n.y.a.	12.9	10.8
Northern	***	_	0.9	n.y.a.	0.3	0.3
Far North		_	0.2	n.y.a.		0.1
North West	_		0.1	n.y.a.	_	-
Queensland						
1996p	182.7	212.2	629.8	n.y.a.	683.8	560.8
1995	93.5	72.8	519.2	916.5	400.7	225.1
1994	232.2	260.5	398.7	851.6	555.5	555.4

2 AREA AND PRODUCTION OF CHICK PEAS FOR GRAIN BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Chick peas		
	Area	Production	
Statistical division	'000 ha	'000 t	
Moreton and Brisbane	<u> </u>		
Wide Bay-Burnett	0.2	0.1	
Darling Downs	17.3	11.5	
South West	0.6	0.2	
Fitzroy	7.8	1.1	
Central West		_	
Mackay	2.0	0.9	
Northern	_	_	
Far North		_	
North West	_	_	
Queensland			
1996p	27.9	13.9	
1995	18.9	7.8	
1994	7.4	4.2	

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Canola		Safflower		
	Area	Production	Area	Production	
Statistical division	ha	tonnes	ha	tonnes	
Moreton and Brisbane	28.1	26.4		_	
Wide Bay-Burnett	42.3	18.4	_		
Darling Downs	265.5	78.6	14.0	5.6	
South West	_	_	_	_	
Fitzroy	23.0	10.2	_	-	
Central West	_				
Mackay		_			
Northern	- -	-			
Far North		_	_	_	
North West	_	_	_	_	
Queensland					
1996p	358.9	133.6	14.0	5.6	
1995	95.0	9.0	254.5	104.0	
1994	54.0	23.5	806.0	221.6	

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AREA AND PRODUCTION OF SUGAR CANE BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Sugar cane	(cut for crushing)	
	Area	Production	
Statistical division	'000 ha	'000 t	
Moreton and Brisbane	11.0	842.9	
Wide Bay-Burnett	53.5	4 306.5	
Darling Downs	_	_	
South West	_		
Fitzroy	_	_	
Central West	_		
Mackay	110.3	10 055.5	
Northern	111.1	11 9 45.2	
Far North	7 8.8	7 238.0	
North West		_	
Queensland			
1996р	364.7	34 388.0	
1995	346.7	31 145.5	
1994	322.8	29 637.6	

HORTICULTURE

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NUMBER OF TREES AND PRODUCTION OF CITRUS AND POME FRUIT BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Lemons and	t limes	Mandarins		Oranges	
	Trees 6 year and over	'S Production	Trees 6 year and over	s Production	Trees 6 year	s Production
Statistical division	no.	tonnes	no.	tonnes	no.	tonnes
Moreton and Brisbane	24 015	1 416.2	16 932	661.5	26 159	1 749.0
Wide Bay-Burnett	27 850	3 083.5	352 878	35 881.7	109 891	10 512.1
Darling Downs	14	_	32	0.4	3 749	294.7
South West	14	1.1	1 578	23.8	127	3.0
Fitzroy	1 032	131.4	9 212	5 035.7	21 416	249.2
Central West	16	0.6	82	3.3	74	3.0
Mackay	375	11.6	254	4.1	48	2.0
Northern	960	29.4	6 035	91.2	2 064	85.7
Far North	5 550	180.1	17 321	500.0	3 483	172,4
North West	_		_	_		_
Queensland						
1996p	59 814	4 854.1	404 325	42 201.7	167 012	13 071.2
1995	67 385	6 593.4	358 203	37 838.2	194 847	18 076.5
1994	59 455	5 979.6	256 700	36 147.9	182 181	20 694.6

	Apples	
	Trees 6 years and over	s Production
Statistical division	no.	tonnes
Moreton and Brisbane	443	n.y.a.
Wide Bay-Burnett	_	n.y.a.
Darling Downs	434 220	n.y.a.
South West	_	n.y.a.
Fitzroy	107	n.y,a.
Central West	_	n.y.a.
Mackay	_	n.y.a.
Northern	 -	n.y.a.
Far North	-	n.y.a.
North West	_	n.y.a.
Queensland		
1996p	434 770	n.y.a.
1995	491 749	27 873.1
1994	475 074	26 305.5

NUMBER OF TREES, AREA AND PRODUCTION OF STONE AND OTHER FRUIT BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

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<u>-</u>	Apricots		Nectarines		Peaches	
	Trees 6 year	s Production	Trees 6 years	s Production	Trees 6 year and over	s Production
Statistical division	no.	tonnes	no.	tonnes	no.	tonnes
Moreton and Brisbane	743	0.9	16 020	300.2	13 307	264.2
Wide Bay-Burnett	4	0.1	5 098	148.8	17 143	249.8
Darling Downs	25 926	170.5	120 559	1.013.7	114 377	2 126.8
South West	_		_		271	0.4
Fitzroy	_	_	1 568	0.7	1 999	63
Central West	_		_		_	_
Mackay	_	_	_	_	16	_
Northern		_	_	_	_	_
Far North	_	_	274	3.6	614	19.0
North West	_	•…	_	_		_
Queensland						
1996p	26 673	171.6	143 519	1 466.9	147 439	2 666.6
1995	21 490	212.6	121 720	1 455.8	130 245	1 749.0
1994	19 983	310.7	118 629	2 434.5	133 150	2 423.4

	Plums and p	runes	Bananas		Strawberries	
	Trees 6 year and over	s Production	Area of bearing age	Production	Area of bearing age	Production
Statistical division	no.	tonnes	ha	tonnes	ha	tonnes
Moreton and Brisbane	532	34.8	444.6	9 550.7	256.8	3 503.0
Wide Bay-Burnett	2 408	28.5	87.1	315.3	51.6	101.9
Darling Downs	137 807	2 056.9	_	_	1.9	8.2
South West	_		_	_	_	_
Fitzroy	_	0.1	1.5	_	0.8	2.3
Central West	_		_		_	_
Mackay	_	_	14.9	398.5	0.7	5.3
Northern	—· -	_	51.5	1 905.1	0.1	0.3
Far North	21	0.7	4 588.8	149 617.9	2.9	32.4
North West	_	_	_	_	_	_
Queensland						
1996p	140 768	2 121.0	5 188.4	161 788.2	314.8	3 653.6
1995	152 243	1 847.8	4 929.8	150 345.4	152.1	2 157.4
1994	158 785	1 799.4	5 12 9 .5	153 255.7	146.7	2 349.7

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF SELECTED VEGETABLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, YEARS ENDED 31 MARCH 1994 TO 1996

	Unit	1994	1995	1996p
Beans French and runne	er	, ,,,,,	-	- -·
Area	ha	3 950.4	3 488.0	4 046.0
Production	t	18 003.9	15 640.0	17 803.2
Broccoli			25 5 1515	a. 000.2
Area	ha	1 378.9	1 190.1	1 870.3
Production	t	8 273.1	7 074.3	8 944.8
Cabbages	_	0 2 1 2 1 2	1 31 113	0 0-1-1.0
Area	ha	380.0	505.6	455.6
Production	t	10 797.8	15 326.8	15 342.1
Carrots	•	10 757.5	15 520.8	10 342.1
Area	ha	1 039.0	1 080.6	4 457 3
Production	t t	26 856.3	34 940.3	1 157.3
Cauliflowers		20 650.5	34 940.3	31 475.8
	h-a	440.0	225.2	204 5
Area	ha	443.6	335.2	394.5
Production	t	9 742.7	8 249.7	9 074.2
Cucumbers				
Area	ha	486.1	444.7	490.9
Production	t	6 765.1	5 854.9	7 648.6
Green peas (pod weight)				
Area	ha	1 037.3	607.8	342.4
Production	t	8 623.3	1 716.6°	2 761.8
Lettuces				
Area	ha	1 020.6	1 097.9	1 520.3
Production	t	25 820.1	29 051.0	38 208.8
Melons — water				
Area	ha	3 205.1	2 931.2	2 834.3
Production	t	45 077.1	50 049.8	53 509.7
Melons — rock and cantalo	oupe			
Area	ha	1 322.6	1 501.0	1,180,1
Production	t	32 318.2	36 416.2	35 193.5
Mushrooms		0_0_0		00 200.0
Area	ha	12.8	16.1	19.2
Production	t	3 097.6	3 819.9	4 393.5
Onions — white and brown	•	0 001.0	0.010.0	+ 0.5 0. .0
Area	ha	792.6	827.6	853.3
Production	t	25 711.0	25 372.5	31 338.3
Pumpkins	•	25 / 11.0	23312.5	31 330.3
- uпрына - Area	ha	3 384.6	2 731.5	3 469.9
		32 881.6		
Production	t	32 881.0	32 561.6	39 710.3
Potatoes	h a	E 022 0	4.784.E	4 500 0
Area	ha •	5 033.9	4 781.6	4 522.3
Production	t	118 00 1 .7	109 004.0	n.y.a.
Tomatoes				
Area	ha	3 609.0	3 424.3	3 590.6
Production	t	102 123.5	101 291.5	103 027.1

Production figure for 1995 is not comparable with 1994 and 1996 data due to changes in questions asked.

LIVESTOCK

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MEAT CATTLE NUMBERS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	Bulls and bull calves intended for service	Cows and heifers one year and over	Heifers and other calves under one year	Other cattle one year and over	Total meat cattle	Percentage of total meat cattle herd
Statistical division	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Moreton and Brisbane	8.5	179.1	83.4	121.8	392.8	3.9
Wide Bay-Burnett	18.8	422.0	201.9	262.5	905.2	8.9
Darling Downs	29.9	594.6	348.5	477.2	1 450.2	14.2
South West	23.6	554.7	293.4	296.8	1 168.5	11.5
Fitzrov	40.6	821.5	399.1	536.7	1.797.9	17.7
Central West	14.3	330.9	169.1	179.9	694.2	6.8
Mackay	18.8	398.3	188.1	275.5	88 0.7	8.6
Northern	20.9	428.0	174.4	214.2	837.5	8.2
Far North	17.4	375.9	115.8	160.8	669.9	6.6
North West	33.4	783.7	280.3	289.1	1 386.5	13.6
Queensland						
1996р	226.0	4 888.6	2 254.0	2 814.4	10 183.1	100.0
1995	220.2	4 522.1	2 107.3	2 839.5	9 689.1	100.0
1994	217.8	4 884.5	1 867.5	2 686.3	9 656.1	100.0

MILK CATTLE NUMBERS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	Cows in milk and dry	Other milk cattle	Total milk cattle ¹	Percentage of total milk cattle herd
Statistical division	'000	'000	000	%
Moreton and Brisbane	67.8	34.8	102.7	35.1
Wide Bay-Bumett	42.9	22.6	65.5	22.4
Darling Downs	46.8	24.5	71.3	24.3
South West	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.4
Fitzroy	4.0	2.0	6.0	2.1
Central West	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Mackay	4.2	2.3	6.5	2.2
Northern	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1
Far North	25.9	13.0	38.9	13.3
North West	_	_	_	_
Queensland				
1996p	193.0	99.7	292.7	100.0
1995	188.6	95.9	284.5	100.0
1994	188.7	97.7	286.4	100.0

Excludes house cows and heifers.

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	Sheep! (1 year and over)	Lambs and hoggets (under 1 year)	Total sheep and lambs	Percentage of total sheep flock
Statistical division	.000	'000	'000	%
Moreton and Brisbane	2.5	0.5	3.0	
Wide Bay-Burnett	1.5	0.5	2,1	
Darling Downs	1 313.1	333.1	1 632.2	15.2
South West	3 425.0	1 116.1	4 541.1	42.2
Fitzroy	10.7	0.4	11.1	0.1
Central West	3 130.3	629.2	3 759.5	34.9
Mackay	0.5	0.1	0.6	 -
Northern	7.6	_	7.6	0.1
Far North	0.1	_	0.1	_
North West	706.1	101.0	807.1	7.5
Queensland				
1996p	8 587.4	2 181.0	10 768.4	100.0
1995	9 517.2	2 059.9	11 577.2	100.0
1994	9 916.4	1 630.8	11 547.2	100.0

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LAMBING BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Ewes mated ²	Lambs marked	Lamb marking ratio ²
Statistical division	'000	'000	%
Moreton and Brisbane	1.9	1.0	52.6
Wide Bay-Burnett	8.0	0.7	87.5
Darling Downs	4 58 .5	343.9	75.0
South West	1 662.5	1 203.3	72.4
Fitzroy	0.6	0.5	83.3
Central West	1 666.0	744.0	44.7
Mackay	0.3	0.2	66.7
Northern	0.1	_	_
Far North	_	_	_
North West	306.4	120.8	39.4
Queensland			
1996p	4 097.0	2 414.4	58.9
1995	4 137.9	2 238.9	54.1
1994	3 601.0	1 897.7	52.7

 $^{^{\}rm L}$ Ewes mated to produce lambs marked in the season shown. $^{\rm L}$ Lambs marked as a proportion of ewes mated to produce lambs.

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PIG NUMBERS 1 BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	Total pigs	Percentage of total pigs	
Statistical division	'000	%	
Moreton and Brisbane	61.5	9.2	
Wide Bay-Burnett	178.8	26.7	
Darling Downs	353.2	52.7	
South West	2.6	0.4	
Fitzroy	49.0	7.3	
Central West	_	_	
Mackay	9.9	1.5	
Northern	5.8	0.9	
Far North	9.1	1.4	
North West	_	_	
Queensland			
1996p	6 70.1	100.0	
1995	643.6	100.0	
1994	681.9	100.0	

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary agricultural estimates for the 1995-96 season and comparative data for earlier years. Final figures for the 1995-96 season will be published early in 1997 when all agricultural census returns have been fully processed.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

- 2 Estimates are based on information obtained from a substantial proportion of farms in Queensland, from the agricultural census conducted throughout Australia for the year ended 31 March 1996.
- 3 Establishments which make only a small contribution to overall agricultural production are excluded from the scope of the census. Information is collected from establishments when their estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) is above a certain level. These levels have varied in past agricultural censuses, as follows:

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1991-92 to 1992-93	EVAO \$22,500 and over;
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before 1986–87	EVAO \$2,500 and over.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

- 4 Preliminary estimates are based on forms received and processed at the point of estimation (approximately 75%) and are subject to sampling error.
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