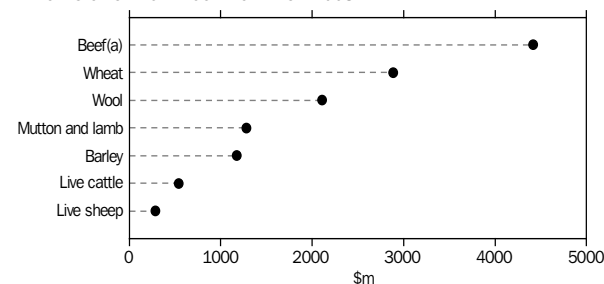


EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

		2001	2006	2008
Crops				
Barley				
Quantity	'000 t	3 580	4 732	3 362
Value	\$m	876	904	1 175
Cotton lint				
Quantity	'000 t	846	657	269
Value	\$m	1 956	1 137	466
Wheat				
Quantity	'000 t	16 400	14 872	7 173
Value	\$m	4 135	3 212	2 866
Livestock				
Live cattle				
Quantity	'000	861	578	769
Value	\$m	498	404	541
Live sheep				
Quantity	'000	6 033	4 251	4 070
Value	\$m	264	297	287
Livestock products				
Beef(a)				
Quantity	'000 t	1 026	986	1 015
Value	\$m	4 127	4 539	4 414
Mutton and lamb				
Quantity	'000 t	319	306	342
Value	\$m	951	1 223	1 278
Wool (greasy)				
Quantity	'000 t	481	375	346
Value	\$m	2 259	1 816	2 107

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES—2008



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2009

IRRIGATION ACTIVITY

	2001	2006	2008
Agricultural businesses (no.)(a)	140 516	154 472	140 704
Agricultural businesses irrigating (no.)	39 863	44 826	39 637
Area of agricultural land ('000 ha)	455 723	434 925	417 288
Area irrigated ('000 ha)	2 603	2 546	1 851
Volume applied (ML)	na	10 737 364	6 284 799
Application rate (ML/ha)(b)	na	4.2	3.4

(a) From 2005–06, ABS moved to a new frame. See 'Notes' for details.

(b) Averaged across all irrigated pastures and crops.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ag.	agricultural	n.e.i.	not elsewhere included
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
incl.	Including	\$m	million dollars
m	million	^	relative standard error (RSE)
ML	megalitre	*	between 10% and 25%
ML/ha	megalitres per hectare		RSE between 25% and 50%
na	not available		
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified		

NOTES

The reference period for 2001, 2006 and 2008 was the year ending 30 June.

The scope of the 2001 and 2006 Agricultural Censuses and the 2008 Agricultural Resource Management Survey was establishments with an EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

In 2005-06, the ABS moved to a new frame sourced from the Australian Taxation Office's Australian Business Register (ABR). In addition to the change in frame, there have been changes in methodologies used for determining whether agricultural businesses are 'in-scope' of the collection and in some of the ways the data are compiled. The key implication of this strategy is that data from 2005-06 is not exactly comparable with earlier data. Detailed information on the impact of the change can be found in *Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2005-06*, (cat. no. 7121.0).

Due to the reduction in agricultural commodity content collected in the 2007–08 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), data for some commodities and industry classes are not available separately.

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

	2008
Agriculture	125 594
Nursery production (undercover plus outdoors)(b)	804
Turf growing	^366
Floriculture production (undercover plus outdoors)(b)	775
Mushroom growing	^120
Vegetable growing (undercover plus outdoors)(b)	4 429
Grape growing	6 062
Kiwifruit growing	*65
Berry fruit growing	^390
Apple and pear growing	896
Stone fruit growing	981
Citrus fruit growing	1 230
Olive growing	^259
Other fruit and tree nut growing	3 837
Sheep farming (specialised)	11 148
Beef cattle farming plus beef cattle feedlots (specialised)	41 640
Sheep-beef cattle farming	7 226
Grain-sheep or grain-beef cattle farming	13 059
Rice growing	*46
Other grain growing	13 723
Sugar cane growing	3 758
Cotton growing	294
Other crop growing n.e.c.	^836
Dairy cattle farming	8 792
Poultry farming (meat)	862
Poultry farming (eggs)	^417
Deer farming	*138
Horse farming	1 697
Pig farming	642
Beekeeping	^488
Other livestock farming n.e.c.	^616
All other industries	15 110

Total all industries 140 704

(a) Count of businesses with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

(b) Classes have been merged where data were not collected in the Agricultural Resource Management Survey.

LAND USE ON FARMS

	2001	2006	2008
Businesses engaged in agricultural activity(a)(b)	140 516	154 472	140 704
Total area of ag. businesses '000 ha	455 723	434 925	417 288
Area of crops '000 ha	24 520	24 565	24 374
Total area of Australia '000 ha	769 202	769 202	769 202

(a) From 2005–06, ABS moved to a new frame. See 'Notes' for details.

(b) Count of agricultural businesses with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, AT 30 JUNE

	2001	2006	2008
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	3 217	2 788	2 537
Meat cattle	24 504	25 605	24 784
Sheep and lambs	110 928	91 028	76 938
Pigs	2 748	2 733	2 411
Chickens for meat(a)	77 231	78 448	73 869
Chickens for eggs	14 276	15 936	14 760

(a) Excludes NT and ACT.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

	2001	2006	2008
Livestock slaughterings			
Cattle '000	7 941	7 580	7 934
Calves '000	1 038	821	865
Sheep '000	16 628	11 830	11 929
Lambs '000	18 629	18 666	20 899
Pigs '000	5 016	5 370	5 217
Chickens(a) '000	398 869	437 865	461 040

Meat production (carcass weight)

Beef '000 t	2 086	2 050	2 127
Veal '000 t	33	28	28
Mutton '000 t	348	244	258
Lamb '000 t	367	382	435
Pig meat '000 t	365	389	377

Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a) '000 t	619	773	802
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Wool receivals '000 t	590	473	408
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Whole milk factory intake

ML	10 545	10 089	9 213
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(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

MAJOR CROPS

			2001	2006	2008
Crops for grain					
Barley	Production	'000 t	6 743	9 482	7 160
	Area	'000 ha	3 454	4 406	4 902
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1 935	1 932	3 790
	Area	'000 ha	758	767	942
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1 055	1 285	662
	Area	'000 ha	1 180	809	752
Oats	Production	'000 t	1 050	1 688	1 502
	Area	'000 ha	650	930	1 238
Rice	Production	'000 t	1 643	1 003	18
	Area	'000 ha	177	102	2
Wheat	Production	'000 t	22 108	25 150	13 569
	Area	'000 ha	12 141	12 443	12 578

Other crops

Canola	Production	'000 t	1 775	1 419	1 214
	Area	'000 ha	1 459	972	1 277
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	666	560	119
	Area	'000 ha	536	327	69
Sugar cane	Production	'000 t	28 117	37 128	32 621
	Area	'000 ha	403	398	381

Fruit

Apples	Production	'000 t	325	276	265
	Trees(a) '000		6 455	8 833	8 685
Bananas	Production	'000 t	358	187	207
	Total area	'000 ha	11	11	10
Grapes	Production	'000 t	1 546	1 981	1 957
	Bearing area	'000 ha	131	158	166
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	37	36	49
	Trees(a) '000		1 017	1 437	1 287
Oranges	Production	'000 t	550	507	409
	Trees(a) '000		6 669	6 553	6 053
Pears (incl. nashi)	Production	'000 t	173	142	130
	Trees(a) '000		1 785	1 776	1 729

Vegetables

Carrots	Production	'000 t	321	265	273
	Area	'000 ha	8	6	5
Onions	Prod.	'000 t	222	222	254
	Area	'000 ha	5	5	5
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1 302	1 250	1 400
	Area	'000 ha	40	35	38
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	556	450	382
	Area	'000 ha	10	8	7

(a) Trees of bearing age.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

	2001	2006	2008
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Crops			
Cereals for grain	7 494	7 594	na
Cotton	1 305	933	227
Crops and pastures for hay	918	1 451	2 818
Legumes for grain	583	658	na
Grapes	1 517	1 377	1 694
Nurseries, cut flowers and cultivated turf	795	1 418	1 433
Oilseeds	595	528	na
Sugar cane cut for crushing	657	1 032	861
Vegetables	2 183	2 833	3 363
Total crops	18 534	20 752	23 818

Livestock slaughterings and other disposals

Cattle and calves	6 431	7 685	7 353
Sheep and lambs(a)	1 402	2 112	2 168
Pigs	822	890	902
Poultry	1 060	1 223	1 637
Other livestock	23	50	44

Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals 9 738 11 960 12 104

Livestock products

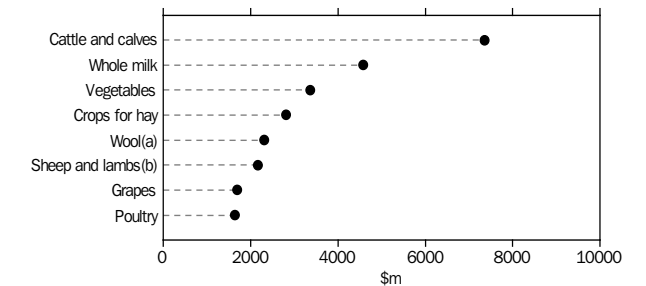
Wool(b)	2 541	2 054	2 309
Whole milk	3 053	3 341	4 572
Eggs	333	376	468
Total livestock products	5 965	5 771	7 348

Total agriculture 34 237 38 482 43 270

(a) Excludes value of wool on skins.

(b) Includes value of dead wool and wool on skins.

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED—2008



(a) Includes value of dead wool and wool on skins.

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.