



Australian Farming in Brief

2005



LAND USE ON FARMS

		1994	1999	2004
Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	150.4	145.2	130.5
Total area of establishments	m ha	469.1	453.7	440.1
Area of crops	m ha	18.0	23.3	26.0
Total area of Australia	m ha	769.2	769.2	769.2

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

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

	1994	1999	2004
Plant nurseries	2 091	2 611	1 648
Cut flower and flower seed growing	935	1 047	685
Vegetable growing	5 024	5 109	4 297
Grape growing	4 286	5 770	6 535
Apple and pear growing	1 378	1 320	971
Stone fruit growing	1 358	1 195	1 244
Kiwi fruit growing	50	*50	*33
Fruit growing n.e.c.	5 816	5 412	4 875
Grain growing	13 924	16 579	14 614
Grain–sheep/beef cattle farming	18 065	18 954	16 308
Sheep–beef cattle farming	12 282	8 674	8 541
Sheep farming	15 552	15 410	12 018
Beef cattle farming	36 482	33 163	35 501
Dairy cattle farming	14 319	13 963	10 359
Poultry farming (meat)	732	773	781
Poultry farming (eggs)	566	579	^ 474
Pig farming	1 593	1 129	870
Horse farming	1 962	2 177	1 757
Deer farming	461	166	**5
Livestock farming n.e.c.	2 134	1 373	^ 802
Sugar cane growing	5 109	5 210	4 560
Cotton growing	805	1 232	566
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	1 339	1 513	1 710
<i>Total agricultural industries</i>	<i>146 263</i>	<i>143 407</i>	<i>129 154</i>
<i>All other industries</i>	<i>4 128</i>	<i>1 818</i>	<i>1 372</i>
Total all industries	150 391	145 226	130 526

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

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

	1994	1999	2004
\$0-\$22,499	33 200	33 897	20 166
\$22,500-\$49,999	25 233	20 459	18 352
\$50,000-\$99,999	28 383	22 949	20 339
\$100,000-\$149,999	19 445	15 453	14 005
\$150,000-\$199,999	13 165	12 667	10 434
\$200,000-\$349,999	17 974	19 245	19 248
\$350,000-\$499,999	6 145	8 347	9 957
\$500,000-\$999,999	4 967	8 533	11 727
\$1,000,000-\$1,999,999	1 284	2 615	4 658
\$2,000,000 and more	595	1 061	1 639
Total	150 391	145 226	130 526

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

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

	1994	1999	2004
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	2 678	3 220	3 055
Meat cattle	23 080	23 358	24 410
Sheep and lambs	132 569	115 456	101 287
Pigs	2 775	2 626	2 548
Chickens for meat(a)(b)	50 153	77 863	70 735
Chickens for eggs(b)	12 788	13 609	12 669

(a) Data for 1994 and 1999 exclude Tas. data.

(b) Data for 1994 do not include breeding stock.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

		1994	1999	2004
Livestock slaughterings				
Cattle	'000	7 290	7 939	7 753
Calves	'000	992	1 157	1 026
Sheep	'000	17 831	15 127	10 421
Lambs	'000	15 040	16 079	16 562
Pigs	'000	5 374	5 176	5 591
Chickens(a)	'000	329 525	374 979	423 742
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1 786	1 973	1 998
Veal	'000 t	39	38	35
Mutton	'000 t	381	316	220
Lamb	'000 t	267	312	341
Pig meat	'000 t	357	370	406
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t	469	564	694
Wool receivals	'000 t	784	639	468
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	8 077	10 178	10 075
Eggs	'000 dozen	(b)128 813	(b)189 432	193 045

(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

(b) Year ended 31 March.

MAJOR CROPS

			1994	1999	2004
Crops for grain					
Barley	Production	'000 t	6 668	5 987	10 382
	Area	'000 ha	3 424	3 167	4 477
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1 084	1 891	2 009
	Area	'000 ha	499	587	734
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1 480	1 696	1 180
	Area	'000 ha	1 150	1 406	851
Oats	Production	'000 t	1 647	1 798	2 018
	Area	'000 ha	947	909	1 089
Rice	Production	'000 t	1 042	1 362	553
	Area	'000 ha	125	148	66
Wheat	Production	'000 t	16 479	21 465	26 132
	Area	'000 ha	8 383	11 543	13 067
Crops for hay					
Cereals	Production	'000 t	1 164	1 827	2 964
	Area	'000 ha	302	425	603
Non-cereal crops	Production	'000 t	58	126	122
	Area	'000 ha	17	45	^37
Other crops					
Canola	Production	'000 t	305	1 690	1 703
	Area	'000 ha	177	1 247	1 211
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	286	634	317
	Area	'000 ha	293	446	227
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	31 312	38 534	36 993
	Area	'000 ha	338	402	448
Fruit					
Apples	Production	'000 t	307	334	255
	Trees(a)	'000	5 033	5 969	8 885
Bananas	Production	'000 t	219	225	257
	Bearing area	'000 ha	9	11	11
Grapes	Production	'000 t	921	1 266	2 015
	Bearing area	'000 ha	61	95	151
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	19	26	37
	Trees(a)	'000	507	850	1 257
Oranges	Production	'000 t	582	446	395
	Trees(a)	'000	6 587	6 400	6 814
Pears (excl. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	155	157	139
	Trees(a)	'000	1 376	1 401	1 386
Vegetables					
Carrots	Production	'000 t	195	257	303
	Area	'000 ha	5	7	7
Onions, white and brown	Production	'000 t	213	224	233
	Area	'000 ha	5	5	6
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1 185	1 327	1 310
	Area	'000 ha	40	41	36
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	327	394	474
	Area	'000 ha	9	9	8

(a) Number of trees refers to trees of bearing age. For all fruit except apples, this is trees six years and over. For apples, the 2004 figure refers to trees four years and over while the 1994 and 1999 figures refer to trees six years and over.

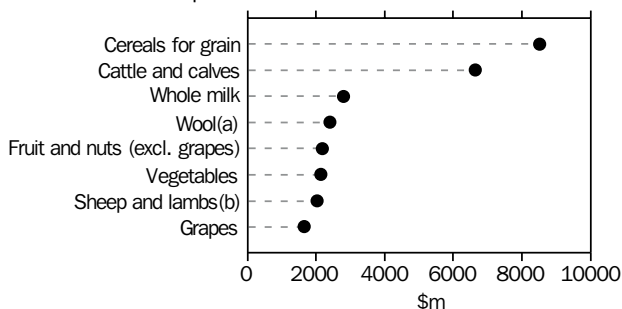
GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

	1994	1999	2004p
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Crops			
Cereals for grain	4 397.1	5 814.0	8 512.4
Cotton	652.1	1 352.8	^ 693.8
Crops for hay	136.4	209.7	538.1
Legumes for grain	522.8	512.0	519.5
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	1 316.7	1 763.0	2 187.5
Grapes	450.1	1 200.1	1 662.7
Nursery production	600.3	(a)741.7	787.8
Oilseeds	203.6	777.5	710.4
Sugar cane cut for crushing	944.6	1 044.1	848.4
Vegetables	1 443.7	1 864.4	2 140.2
Pastures and grasses	568.8	706.4	1 180.7
All other crops n.e.i.	279.6	^ 240.7	372.5
<i>Total crops</i>	<i>11 515.9</i>	<i>16 226.3</i>	<i>20 154.0</i>
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals			
Cattle and calves	4 433.5	4 476.6	6 651.6
Sheep and lambs(b)	797.2	1 053.5	2 032.0
Pigs	(c)660.5	689.7	878.1
Poultry	(c)929.3	1 018.5	1 280.8
Other livestock	10.7	17.4	37.0
<i>Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals</i>	<i>(d)6 859.6</i>	<i>7 255.8</i>	<i>10 879.5</i>
Livestock products			
Wool(e)	2 449.6	2 141.0	2 394.1
Whole milk	(f)2 448.0	2 899.6	2 808.5
Eggs	(f)233.9	337.1	326.0
Honey	32.9	32.0	(g)
Beeswax	(h)2.8	2.0	(g)
<i>Total livestock products</i>	<i>5 167.2</i>	<i>5 411.8</i>	<i>5 528.6</i>
Total agriculture	23 551.4	28 893.9	36 562.0

- (a) Excludes cultivated turf for Tas.; included in 'All other crops n.e.i.'.
 (b) Excludes value of wool on skins.
 (c) Excludes Tas. and NT; Tas. data included in 'Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals'; NT data included in 'Total agriculture'.

- (d) Excludes pigs and poultry in the NT; these are included in 'Total agriculture'.
 (e) Includes value of dead wool and wool on skins.
 (f) Excludes NT; NT included in 'Total agriculture'.
 (g) Data not collected in 2004.
 (h) Includes beeswax and pollen in 1994.

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED—2004p



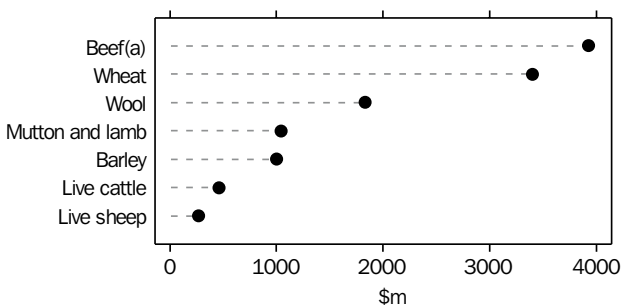
- (a) Includes value of dead wool and wool on skins.
 (b) Excludes value of wool on skins.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

		1994	1999	2004
Crops				
Barley				
Quantity	'000 t	1 524	4 213	4 692
Value	\$m	249	698	998
Rice				
Quantity	'000 t	580	655	103
Value	\$m	319	409	64
Wheat				
Quantity	'000 t	12 868	16 189	14 832
Value	\$m	2 290	3 399	3 399
Livestock				
Live cattle				
Quantity	'000	250	730	682
Value	\$m	125	351	461
Live sheep				
Quantity	'000	5 441	5 033	3 844
Value	\$m	151	188	268
Livestock products				
Beef(a)				
Quantity	'000 t	812	905	890
Value	\$m	3 228	2 935	3 926
Mutton and lamb				
Quantity	'000 t	227	247	248
Value	\$m	510	636	1 046
Wool (greasy)				
Quantity	'000 t	564	377	318
Value	\$m	2 132	1 434	1 834

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.
Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2005.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES—2004



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2005

AREA OF PASTURES AND CROPS IRRIGATED(a)

	1994	1999
	'000 ha	'000 ha
Pastures (native or sown)	1 362	986
Cereals	364	366
Vegetables for human consumption	96	97
Fruit (including nuts)	62	94
Grapevines	53	108
Sugar cane	168	156
Cotton	48	348
All other crops	275	77
Total area irrigated	2 317	2 251

(a) Data for 2004 are not yet available.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	p	preliminary figure or series subject to revision
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	t	tonnes
EVAO	estimated value of agricultural operations	Tas.	Tasmania
excl.	Excluding	'000	thousands
ha	hectares	\$m	million dollars
m	million	^	relative standard error (RSE) between 10% and 25%
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified	*	RSE between 25% and 50%
n.e.i.	not elsewhere included	**	RSE is above 50% and is not published
NT	Northern Territory		

NOTES

The reference period for 2004 was the year ending 30 June. In 1999 and 1994, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of establishments were collected as of 31 March.

The scope of the 1993–94 Agricultural Census and the 1998–99 and 2003–04 Agricultural Surveys was establishments having an EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

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