



Australian Farming in Brief

2007



LAND USE ON FARMS

2006p

Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	n.y.a
Total area of establishments	m ha	442.8
Area of crops	m ha	24.3
Total area of Australia	m ha	769.2

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

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

	1996	2001	2006p
Plant nurseries	2 005	2 411	n.y.a.
Cut flower and flower seed growing	920	1 073	n.y.a.
Vegetable growing	4 838	5 065	n.y.a.
Grape growing	4 719	6 879	n.y.a.
Apple and pear growing	1 270	1 047	n.y.a.
Stone fruit growing	1 333	1 272	n.y.a.
Kiwi fruit growing	53	44	n.y.a.
Fruit growing n.e.c.	5 219	6 042	n.y.a.
Grain growing	14 649	16 314	n.y.a.
Grain–sheep/beef cattle farming	18 561	15 917	n.y.a.
Sheep–beef cattle farming	11 064	9 104	n.y.a.
Sheep farming	14 521	13 056	n.y.a.
Beef cattle farming	34 988	35 051	n.y.a.
Dairy cattle farming	13 972	12 918	n.y.a.
Poultry farming (meat)	734	823	n.y.a.
Poultry farming (eggs)	507	522	n.y.a.
Pig farming	1 325	1 142	n.y.a.
Horse farming	1 675	1 801	n.y.a.
Deer farming	388	189	n.y.a.
Livestock farming n.e.c.	2 927	562	n.y.a.
Sugar cane growing	5 065	4 851	n.y.a.
Cotton growing	972	997	n.y.a.
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	1 497	1 837	n.y.a.
<i>Total agricultural industries</i>	<i>143 201</i>	<i>138 917</i>	<i>n.y.a.</i>
<i>All other industries</i>	<i>4 331</i>	<i>1 599</i>	<i>n.y.a.</i>
Total all industries	146 612	140 516	n.y.a.

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

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

	1996	2001	2006p
\$0-\$22,499	30 049	25 982	n.y.a.
\$22,500-\$49,999	23 757	21 892	n.y.a.
\$50,000-\$99,999	25 826	23 866	n.y.a.
\$100,000-\$149,999	18 050	15 413	n.y.a.
\$150,000-\$199,999	12 738	11 502	n.y.a.
\$200,000-\$349,999	19 490	19 871	n.y.a.
\$350,000-\$499,999	7 321	8 826	n.y.a.
\$500,000-\$999,999	6 759	9 234	n.y.a.
\$1,000,000-\$1,999,999	1 851	2 736	n.y.a.
\$2,000,000 and more	771	1 195	n.y.a.
Total	146 612	140 516	n.y.a.

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

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

	2006p '000
Milk cattle	2 793
Meat cattle	26 054
Sheep and lambs	92 728
Pigs	2 755
Chickens for meat	77 416
Chickens for eggs	16 245

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

		1996	2001	2006
Livestock slaughterings				
Cattle	'000	6 950	7 941	7 580
Calves	'000	985	1 038	821
Sheep	'000	14 581	16 628	11 830
Lambs	'000	14 223	18 629	18 667
Pigs	'000	5 017	5 016	5 370
Chickens(a)	'000	336 380	398 869	437 864
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1 711	2 086	2 050
Veal	'000 t	34	33	28
Mutton	'000 t	310	348	244
Lamb	'000 t	265	367	382
Pig meat	'000 t	347	365	389
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t	481	619	773
Wool receivals	'000 t	647	590	487
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	8 716	10 545	10 093
Eggs	'000 dozen	(b)174 053	203 163	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

(b) Year ended 31 March.

MAJOR CROPS

2006p

Crops for grain

Barley	Production	'000 t	9 641
	Area	'000 ha	4 481
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1 999
	Area	'000 ha	792
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1 357
	Area	'000 ha	853
Oats	Production	'000 t	1 723
	Area	'000 ha	945
Rice	Production	'000 t	982
	Area	'000 ha	100
Wheat	Production	'000 t	25 704
	Area	'000 ha	12 704

Crops for hay

Cereals	Production	'000 t	n.y.a.
	Area	'000 ha	n.y.a.
Non-cereal crops	Production	'000 t	n.y.a.
	Area	'000 ha	n.y.a.

Other crops

Canola	Production	'000 t	1 453
	Area	'000 ha	996
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	570
	Area	'000 ha	336
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	37 990
	Area	'000 ha	407

Fruit

Apples	Production	'000 t	276
	Trees(a)	'000	8 833
Bananas	Production	'000 t	177
	Bearing area	'000 ha	10
Grapes	Production	'000 t	1 981
	Bearing area	'000 ha	158
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	38
	Trees(a)	'000	1 583
Oranges	Production	'000 t	496
	Trees(a)	'000	6 532
Pears (excl. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	139
	Trees(a)	'000	1 466

Vegetables

Carrots	Production	'000 t	272
	Area	'000 ha	6
Onions, white and brown	Production	'000 t	230
	Area	'000 ha	5
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1 255
	Area	'000 ha	35
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	449
	Area	'000 ha	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 2006 preliminary figure refers to trees four years and over.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

2006p

\$m

Crops

Cereals for grain	7 604.8
Cotton	959.9
Crops for hay	1 390.9
Legumes for grain	523.7
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	(a)2 514.9
Grapes	1 363.5
Oilseeds	(a)531.5
Sugar cane cut for crushing	1 063.4
Vegetables	(a)2 337.8
All other crops n.e.i.	1 258.2
<i>Total crops</i>	<i>19 550.8</i>

Livestock slaughterings and other disposals

Cattle and calves	7 689.5
Sheep and lambs(b)	2 113.1
Pigs	888.6
Poultry	1 226.0
Other livestock	49.1
<i>Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals</i>	<i>11 966.3</i>

Livestock products

Wool(c)	2 092.5
Whole milk	3 342.5
Eggs	381.5
<i>Total livestock products</i>	<i>5 816.5</i>

Total agriculture

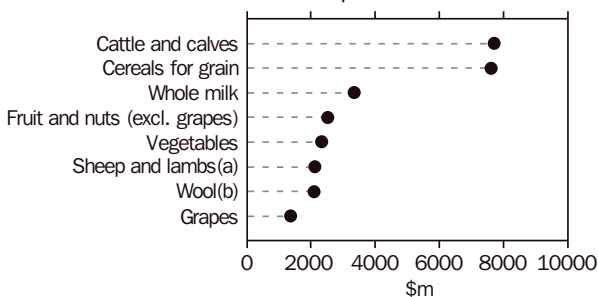
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(a) Estimates for 2006 for these commodities cannot be produced at the preliminary stage. The 2005 values have been used.

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.

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

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED—2006p



(a) Excludes value of wool on skins.

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

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2007

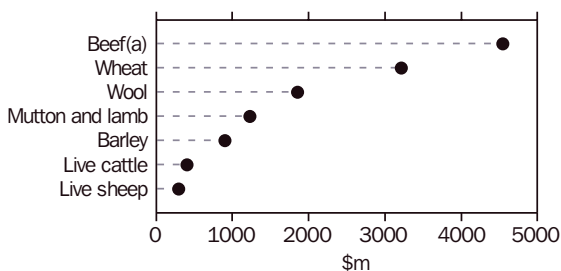
EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

		1996	2001	2006
Crops				
Barley				
Quantity	'000 t	3 030	3 577	4 732
Value	\$m	711	876	904
Rice				
Quantity	'000 t	592	579	120
Value	\$m	327	364	92
Wheat				
Quantity	'000 t	11 998	16 394	14 871
Value	\$m	3 363	4 135	3 212
Livestock				
Live cattle				
Quantity	'000	650	861	578
Value	\$m	368	498	404
Live sheep				
Quantity	'000	5 880	6 033	4 251
Value	\$m	227	264	297
Livestock products				
Beef(a)				
Quantity	'000 t	760	988	948
Value	\$m	2 457	4 127	4 539
Mutton and lamb				
Quantity	'000 t	199	308	294
Value	\$m	507	951	1 223
Wool (greasy)				
Quantity	'000 t	422	479	378
Value	\$m	1 971	2 298	1 856

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2006.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES—2006



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2007

IRRIGATION ACTIVITY

	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Agricultural establishments no.	132 983	130 526	129 934
Agricultural establishments irrigating no.	43 774	40 400	35 244
Area of agricultural land '000 ha	439 531	440 110	445 149
Area irrigated '000 ha	2 378	2 402	2 405
Volume applied ML	10 403 759	10 441 515	10 084 596
Application rate ML/ha (a)	4.4	4.3	4.2

(a) Averaged across all irrigated pastures and crops.

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.y.a.	not yet available	**	RSE is above 50% and is not published
NT	Northern Territory		

NOTES

The reference period for 2006 and 2001 was the year ending 30 June. In 1996, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of establishments were collected as of 31 March..

The scope of the 1996, 2001 and 2006 Agricultural Censuses was establishments having an EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

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