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## NOTES

### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents final estimates from the ABS Apples and Pears collection, 2007. Not all data from this collection are published here. Some further data, including data for states and territories, are available for a charge, on application to the ABS.

### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

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### ABBREVIATIONS

'000 thousand  
ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics  
cat. no. Catalogue number  
t tonne

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### APPLES

Final estimates for 2006–07 show the number of apple trees decreased by 2% from the previous year to 9.9 million. The total number of trees reported in New South Wales decreased by 7% to 1.8 million while in Victoria, the main growing state, they rose by 6% to 3.7 million.

The production of apples in 2006–07 decreased by 2% from the previous year to 270,000 tonnes. Victoria, the main producing state, reported an increase in apple production of 11% to 116,000 tonnes, New South Wales reported a decrease of 28% to 37,400 tonnes and Tasmania reported a decrease of 13% to 28,500 tonnes.

The four most common varieties of apples produced in Australia in 2006–07 were:

Granny Smith (65,100 tonnes)

Cripps Pink (Pink Lady) (55,900 tonnes)

Gala (37,000 tonnes)

Fuji (21,600 tonnes)

### PEARS

Final estimates for 2006–07 show the number of pear trees decreased slightly from the previous year to 2.0 million. In Victoria, which was by far the largest pear grower, tree numbers remained steady at 1.7 million.

The production of pears decreased by 5% from the previous year to 135,000 tonnes in 2006–07. Decreases in production were reported in all states except South Australia and Tasmania.

The four most common varieties of pears produced in Australia in 2006–07 were:

WBC (including Williams/Duchess/Bartlett) (63,000 tonnes)

Packham (52,200 tonnes)

Beurre Bosc (9,700 tonnes)

Nashi (2,900 tonnes)

### APPLES AND PEARS SENT FOR PROCESSING

The quantity of apples sent for processing in 2006–07 decreased by 6% to 42,500 tonnes. Victoria and Tasmania recorded the largest quantity of apples sent for processing, with 19,900 tonnes and 7,400 tonnes respectively.

The quantity of pears sent for processing in 2006–07 decreased by 4% to 48,200 tonnes. Victoria recorded the largest quantity of pears sent for processing with 46,600 tonnes.

### COOL STORAGE CAPACITY

The cool storage capacity of apple and pear growers in 2006–07 increased by 9% from the previous year to 317,000 tonnes. Victoria recorded the largest capacity with 149,000 tonnes followed by New South Wales with 58,500 tonnes and Tasmania with 42,600 tonnes.

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

## NUMBER OF TREES (MILLIONS)

<i>Total</i>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>
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 PRODUCTION OF FRUIT (FRESH WEIGHT)  
 ('000 t)

Bonza	2.8	2.1	1.2
Braeburn	3.8	2.7	2.6
Cripps Pink (Pink Lady)	61.1	56.5	55.9
Cripps Red (Sundowner)	20.4	18.1	20.1
Delicious - Golden	24.9	16.2	15.6
Delicious - Block Red	24.7	21.0	19.2
Delicious - Striped Red	30.9	21.9	19.9
Fuji	30.1	22.6	21.6
Gala	38.1	37.5	37.0
Granny Smith	66.3	58.9	65.1
Jonagold	5.9	5.1	3.7
Jonathan	5.6	4.0	3.0
Lady Williams	6.9	5.6	2.2
All other apples	5.1	4.2	3.4

<i>Total production</i>	<b>326.6</b>	<b>276.4</b>	<b>270.5</b>
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Yield (kg/tree)(a)	35.6	31.3	31.5
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(a) Yield represents the quantity of fruit produced per tree of bearing age, i.e. 4 years and over.

## PEARS (INCLUDING NASHI)

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

## NUMBER OF TREES (MILLIONS)

<i>Total</i>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>
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## PRODUCTION OF FRESH FRUIT (FRESH WEIGHT) ('000 t)

Beurre Bosc	10.3	9.4	9.7
Corella	1.2	1.5	1.5
Josephine	3.4	3.1	2.6
Nashi	3.8	3.4	2.9
Packham	60.7	55.2	52.2
Red Anjou	0.4	0.4	0.3
Sensation	0.6	0.7	0.5
WBC	68.8	67.2	63.0
All other pears	2.4	1.8	2.1

<i>Total production</i>	<b>151.4</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>134.8</b>
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Yield (kg/tree)(a)	85.4	80.2	77.4
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(a) Yield represents the quantity of fruit produced per tree of bearing age, i.e. 6 years and over.

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## APPLES AND PEARS SENT FOR PROCESSING

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
'000 t			
Apples	61.4	45.1	42.5
Pears	61.6	50.2	48.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>90.7</b>

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## COOL STORAGE CAPACITY

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
'000 t			
Controlled atmosphere storage	221.7	208.1	232.8
Other cool storage	89.1	82.1	84.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>310.8</b>	<b>290.1</b>	<b>317.2</b>

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

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### SCOPE AND COVERAGE

**2** Apples and Pears statistics relate to the year in which the harvest occurred and are derived from information obtained in a collection of all known growers.

**3** The scope of the 2007 collection is based on establishments growing apples and pears.

### GENERAL

**4** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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