

LAND USE ON FARMS

		1998	1999	2000
Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity	'000	144.9	145.2	146.4
Total area of establishments	m ha	463.8	453.7	455.5
Area of crops	m ha	21.5	23.3	23.8
Total area of Australia	m ha	769.2	769.2	769.2

NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY, BY INDUSTRY

	1998	1999	2000
Plant nurseries	2 113	2 611	2 496
Cut flowers and flower seed growing	1 043	1 047	1 134
Vegetable growing	4 772	5 109	5 313
Grape growing	5 310	5 770	6 522
Apple and pear growing	1 279	1 320	1 229
Stonefruit growing	1 307	1 195	1 257
Kiwi fruit growing	*59	*50	*20
Fruit growing n.e.c.	5 408	5 412	5 794
Grain growing	15 289	16 579	16 463
Grain-sheep/beef cattle farming	19 230	18 954	18 232
Sheep-beef cattle farming	8 966	8 674	9 253
Sheep farming	15 267	15 410	14 302
Beef cattle farming	31 786	33 163	35 236
Dairy cattle farming	14 010	13 963	13 820
Poultry farming (meat)	843	773	845
Poultry farming (eggs)	520	579	508
Pig farming	1 217	1 129	1 145
Horse farming	1 613	2 177	2 021
Deer farming	225	166	196
Livestock farming n.e.c.	669	1 373	1 158
Sugar cane growing	5 151	5 210	5 029
Cotton growing	1 112	1 232	974
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	1 467	1 513	1 614
<i>Total agricultural industries</i>	<i>138 657</i>	<i>143 407</i>	<i>144 560</i>
<i>All other industries</i>	<i>6 206</i>	<i>1 818</i>	<i>1 811</i>
Total all industries	144 863	145 226	146 371

ESTABLISHMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY, BY ESTIMATED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

	1998	1999	2000
\$0-\$22,499	30 962	33 897	28 357
\$22,500-\$49,999	21 768	20 459	22 470
\$50,000-\$99,999	23 750	22 949	25 201
\$100,000-\$149,999	16 836	15 453	16 951
\$150,000-\$199,999	12 090	12 667	12 175
\$200,000-\$349,999	20 048	19 245	19 872
\$350,000-\$499,999	8 008	8 347	8 634
\$500,000-\$999,999	7 949	8 533	8 896
\$1,000,000-\$1,999,999	2 494	2 615	2 639
\$2,000,000 and more	958	1 061	1 177
Total	144 863	145 226	146 371

AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

	1998	1999	2000p
	'000	'000	'000
Proprietors and partners	183.4	187.2	193.0
Employees	117.4	123.9	120.6
Total employment	300.9	311.1	r313.5

PRINCIPAL CROPS, PRODUCTION

			1998	1999	2000
Cereals for grain					
Wheat	Production	'000 t	19 227	21 465	24 757
	Area	'000 ha	10 441	11 543	12 168
Barley	Production	'000 t	6 482	5 987	5 032
	Area	'000 ha	3 521	3 167	2 596
Oats	Production	'000 t	1 634	1 798	1 118
	Area	'000 ha	937	909	584
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1 081	1 891	2 116
	Area	'000 ha	507	587	622
Rice	Production	'000 t	1 324	1 362	1 084
	Area	'000 ha	147	148	131
Legumes for grain					
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1 561	1 696	1 968
	Area	'000 ha	1 425	1 406	1 347
Field peas	Production	'000 t	316	370	496
	Area	'000 ha	366	369	424
Crops for hay					
Cereal crops for hay	Production	'000 t	1 567	1 827	1 429
	Area	'000 ha	401	425	357
Non-cereal crops for hay	Production	'000 t	170	126	159
	Area	'000 ha	59	45	47
Oilseeds					
Canola	Production	'000 t	855	1 690	2 460
	Area	'000 ha	698	1 247	1 911
Other crops					
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	39 531	38 534	38 165
	Area	'000 ha	415	402	428
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	564	634	698
	Area	'000 ha	381	446	435

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

	1998	1999	2000
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	3 076	3 220	3 140
Meat cattle	23 776	23 358	24 448
Sheep and lambs	117 491	115 456	118 552
Pigs	2 768	2 626	2 511
Chickens for meat(a)	75 504	77 863	72 912
Chickens for eggs	14 036	13 912	12 016

(a) Excludes establishments in Tasmania.

HORTICULTURE PRODUCTION

				1998	1999	2000
Citrus						
Oranges	Production	t		499 784	445 840	509 973
	Trees(a) '000			6 667	6 400	6 945
Mandarins	Production	t		62 568	78 258	85 397
	Trees(a) '000			1 090	1 175	1 187
Pome						
Apples	Production	t		308 856	334 353	319 652
	Trees(a) '000			5 845	5 969	6 115
Pears (excl. nashi)	Production	t		152 877	156 714	156 369
	Trees(a) '000			1 381	1 401	1 401
Stone fruit						
Peaches	Production	t		64 807	66 036	86 000
	Trees(a) '000			1 498	1 509	1 972
Apricots	Production	t		19 881	21 483	19 875
	Trees(a) '000			569	565	520
Nectarines	Production	t		22 757	27 423	36 366
	Trees(a) '000			915	963	1 202
Other orchard						
Mangoes	Production	t		36 567	26 372	38 071
	Trees(a) '000			815	850	971
Avocados	Production	t		20 174	24 311	23 976
	Trees(a) '000			458	522	431
Berry and tropical						
Bananas	Production	t		222 957	225 167	256 867
	Bearing area	ha		10 478	11 405	11 730
Pineapples	Production	t		123 004	131 383	139 284
	Bearing area	ha		2 762	2 821	2 817
Strawberries	Production	t		13 434	14 201	14 772
	Bearing area	ha		720	701	777
Nuts						
Macadamias	Production	t		20 336	18 949	23 459
	Trees(a) '000			2 441	2 455	2 444
Grapes						
	Production	t		1 112 170	1 265 536	1 311 389
	Bearing area	ha		78 090	95 301	110 623
Vegetables						
Potatoes	Production	t		1 371 606	1 326 765	1 199 622
	Area	ha		42 558	41 298	36 829
Tomatoes	Production	t		380 130	394 371	413 617
	Area	ha		8 023	8 549	8 323
Carrots	Production	t		266 531	256 608	283 304
	Area	ha		7 152	6 514	7 029
Onions, white and brown	Production	t		218 895	223 989	247 068
	Area	ha		5 634	5 351	5 285

(a) Number of trees six years and over.

Note: The reference period for 2000 is the year ending 30 June. Prior to this, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of establishments were collected as of 31 March.

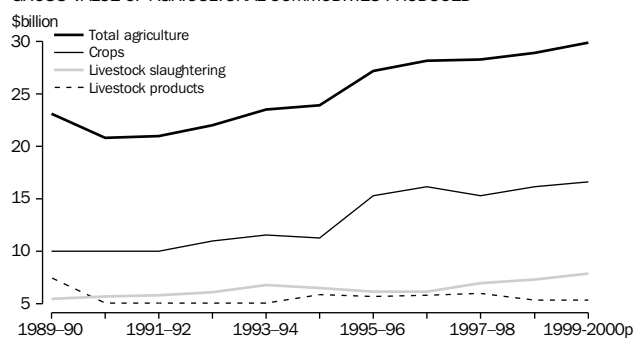
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

		1998	1999	2000
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1 911	1 973	1 952
Veal	'000 t	44	38	36
Mutton	'000 t	333	316	333
Lamb	'000 t	284	312	347
Pig meat	'000 t	358	370	363
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t	544	564	593
Wool receivals	'000 t	641	639	642
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	9 438	10 175	10 847
Eggs	'000 dozen	(b)190 135	(b)189 432	182 179

(a) Excludes Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Years ended 31 March.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED



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		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000p
Cattle and calves	\$m	4 138.2	4 476.6	5 048.1
Wheat for grain	\$m	3 801.5	4 011.0	4 512.2
Milk	\$m	2 817.0	2 899.6	2 852.6
Wool	\$m	2 753.9	2 142.1	2 175.0
Vegetables	\$m	1 812.3	1 864.4	1 841.1
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	\$m	1 586.8	1 762.6	1 723.2
Cotton lint and cotton seed	\$m	1 227.8	1 352.8	1 576.9
Grapes	\$m	998.2	1 200.1	1 136.9
Sheep and lambs	\$m	1 066.2	1 053.5	1 052.9
Poultry	\$m	1 053.6	1 018.5	1 030.8
Sugar cane for crushing	\$m	1 247.7	1 044.1	886.2
Barley for grain	\$m	1 032.0	835.5	835.8
Pigs	\$m	709.8	689.7	791.7
Pasture and grasses	\$m	613.4	706.4	619.0
Legumes for grain	\$m	543.3	512.0	541.7
Total agriculture	\$m	28 258.0	28 894.5	29 916.9

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF FARM BUSINESSES

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000p
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Sales from crops	13 493.1	13 564.3	13 110.9
Sales from livestock	5 922.0	6 373.4	7 300.9
Sales from livestock products	5 556.5	4 986.5	5 143.7
Turnover	27 300.1	27 606.6	28 525.6
Purchases and selected expenses	15 472.4	15 908.7	15 313.7
Value added(a)	12 034.4	12 181.4	14 145.8
Adjusted value added(a)	10 145.0	10 191.0	12 059.8
Gross operating surplus(a)	7 608.1	7 359.1	9 290.1
Interest paid	1 595.1	1 645.3	1 866.3
Cash operating surplus(b)	6 091.7	5 529.1	6 915.8
Total net capital expenditure	2 624.7	2 573.1	2 197.1
Gross indebtedness	21 630.8	24 295.4	26 195.4

(a) Includes an estimate for the change in value of livestock.

(b) Excludes an estimate for the change in value of livestock.

TURNOVER OF FARM BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000p
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Fruit	2 144.6	2 588.5	2 520.0
Vegetables	1 613.4	1 749.2	1 837.8
Grain	5 171.5	4 517.7	4 282.9
Grain-sheep/beef	4 390.0	4 340.7	4 277.0
Sheep-beef cattle	1 135.9	1 134.9	1 434.6
Sheep	1 563.8	1 526.6	1 722.0
Beef cattle	2 573.4	2 980.9	3 285.1
Dairy cattle	3 136.8	3 268.1	3 278.7
Pigs	624.0	705.2	759.1
Sugar	1 262.2	1 267.9	1 104.8
Cotton	1 658.7	1 633.4	1 766.1
Poultry for eggs	476.8	328.3	370.1
Other agriculture	1 549.0	1 565.4	1 887.5
All agricultural industries	27 300.1	27 606.6	r28 525.6

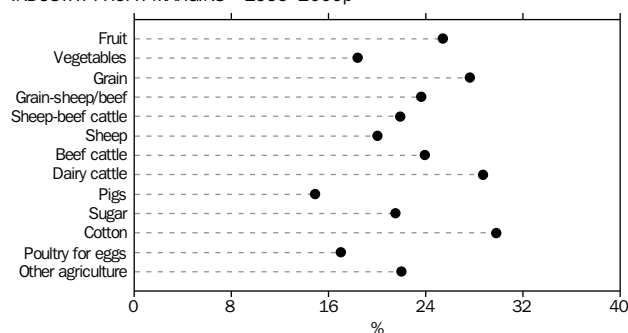
AVERAGE GROSS INDEBTEDNESS BY INDUSTRY

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000p
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fruit	134.5	196.1	199.7
Vegetables	217.4	186.1	207.1
Grain	302.1	279.9	333.4
Grain-sheep/beef	190.1	246.8	265.4
Sheep-beef cattle	185.2	185.0	201.1
Sheep	130.0	146.6	172.6
Beef cattle	214.8	220.6	201.2
Dairy cattle	193.1	194.8	229.6
Pigs	270.2	296.0	318.8
Sugar	169.9	316.9	273.7
Cotton	1 453.5	1 941.7	1 872.6
Poultry for eggs	454.4	477.5	568.2
Other agriculture	170.4	187.5	200.6
All agricultural industries	207.5	237.0	252.3

AVERAGE CASH OPERATING SURPLUS BY INDUSTRY

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000p
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fruit	50.8	69.6	60.9
Vegetables	61.7	88.6	89.9
Grain	129.5	71.7	87.0
Grain-sheep/beef	49.9	36.0	57.0
Sheep-beef cattle	28.7	26.5	42.2
Sheep	24.7	*15.1	30.7
Beef cattle	19.6	41.7	55.8
Dairy cattle	60.3	68.1	74.1
Pigs	40.4	*114.0	119.5
Sugar	88.7	83.6	50.4
Cotton	423.2	248.9	504.8
Poultry for eggs	138.3	**	173.4
Other agriculture	53.4	59.2	73.4
All agricultural industries	58.4	53.9	66.6

INDUSTRY PROFIT MARGINS—1999-2000p



SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ha	hectares	'000	thousands
m	million	\$m	million dollars
m ha	million hectares	\$'000	thousand dollars
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified	*	relative standard error between 25% and 50%
n.p.	not published	**	relative standard error greater than 50%
p	preliminary		estimate is not published
r	figure revised since previous issue		
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