

LAND USE ON FARMS

		1991	1996	2001
Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	126.4	146.6	140.5
Total area of establishments	m ha	462.8	465.2	455.7
Area of crops	m ha	17.4	19.4	24.5
Total area of Australia	m ha	768.2	768.2	769.2

(a) For 1991, count of establishments with EVAO of \$20,000 or more; for 1996 and 2001, count of establishments with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

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

	1991	1996	2001
Plant nurseries	2 291	2 005	2 411
Cut flowers and flower seed growing	(b)—	920	1 073
Vegetable growing	4 657	4 838	5 065
Grape growing	3 585	4 718	6 879
Apple and pear growing	1 297	1 270	1 047
Stone fruit growing	1 060	1 333	1 272
Kiwi fruit growing	36	53	44
Fruit growing n.e.c.	4 009	5 219	6 042
Grain growing	7 734	14 649	16 314
Grain-sheep/beef cattle farming	22 250	18 561	15 917
Sheep-beef cattle farming	9 801	11 064	9 104
Sheep farming	22 963	14 521	13 056
Beef cattle farming	19 750	34 988	35 051
Dairy cattle farming	13 792	13 972	12 918
Poultry farming (meat)	683	734	823
Poultry farming (eggs)	621	507	522
Pig farming	1 462	1 325	1 142
Horse farming	1 324	1 675	1 801
Deer farming	247	388	189
Livestock farming n.e.c.	652	2 927	562
Sugar cane growing	5 000	5 065	4 851
Cotton growing	670	972	997
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	1 029	1 497	1 837
Total agricultural industries	124 913	143 201	138 917
All other industries	1 479	3 411	1 599
Total all industries	126 392	146 612	140 516

(a) For 1991, count of establishments with EVAO of \$20,000 or more; for 1996 and 2001, count of establishments with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

(b) Included in 'Plant nurseries'.

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

	1991	1996	2001
\$0-\$22,499	7 733	30 049	25 982
\$22,500-\$49,999	20 167	23 757	21 892
\$50,000-\$99,999	30 667	25 826	23 866
\$100,000-\$149,999	21 938	18 050	15 413
\$150,000-\$199,999	13 912	12 738	11 502
\$200,000-\$349,999	18 766	19 490	19 871
\$350,000-\$499,999	6 365	7 321	8 826
\$500,000-\$999,999	5 165	6 759	9 234
\$1,000,000-\$1,999,999	1 200	1 851	2 736
\$2,000,000 and more	479	771	1 195
Total	126 392	146 612	140 516

(a) For 1991, count of establishments with EVAO of \$20,000 or more; for 1996 and 2001, count of establishments with EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

MAJOR CROPS

			1991	1996	2001
Crops for grain					
Barley	Production	'000 t	4 108	5 823	6 743
	Area	'000 ha	2 556	3 111	3 454
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	751	1 592	1 935
	Area	'000 ha	378	770	758
Lupins	Production	'000 t	758	1 559	1 055
	Area	'000 ha	793	1 323	1 180
Oats	Production	'000 t	1 530	1 875	1 050
	Area	'000 ha	1 044	1 136	650
Rice	Production	'000 t	740	966	1 643
	Area	'000 ha	89	137	177
Wheat	Production	'000 t	15 066	16 504	22 108
	Area	'000 ha	9 218	9 221	12 141
Crops for hay					
Cereals	Production	'000 t	1 044	1 743	1 657
	Area	'000 ha	328	469	419
Non-cereal crops	Production	'000 t	12	30	115
	Area	'000 ha	4	9	42
Other crops					
Canola	Production	'000 t	98	557	1 775
	Area	'000 ha	73	377	1 459
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	410	381	666
	Area	'000 ha	279	315	536
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	24 370	35 889	28 117
	Area	'000 ha	325	377	403
Fruit					
Apples	Production	'000 t	289	281	325
	Trees(a)	'000	4 451	5 302	6 455
Bananas	Production	'000 t	165	220	358
	Bearing area	'000 ha	8	9	12
Grapes	Production	'000 t	851	1 088	1 546
	Bearing area	'000 ha	54	65	131
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	12	27	37
	Trees(a)	'000	328	608	1 017
Oranges	Production	'000 t	453	442	550
	Trees(a)	'000	5 650	6 477	6 669
Pears (excl. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	157	156	169
	Trees(a)	'000	1 341	1 384	1 373
Vegetables					
Carrots	Production	'000 t	152	250	321
	Area	'000 ha	4	8	8
Onions, white and brown	Production	'000 t	222	244	222
	Area	'000 ha	6	5	5
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1 136	1 308	1 302
	Area	'000 ha	40	42	40
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	364	371	556
	Area	'000 ha	10	9	10

(a) Number of trees six years and over.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

	1991	1996	2001
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	2 430	2 808	3 217
Meat cattle	21 232	23 569	24 504
Sheep and lambs	163 238	121 116	110 928
Pigs	2 531	2 526	2 748
Chickens for meat(a)(b)	39 429	62 331	76 697
Chickens for eggs(b)	13 073	13 413	14 276

(a) Excludes establishments in Tasmania.

(b) Data for 1991 does not include breeding stock.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

		1991	1996	2001
Livestock slaughterings				
Cattle	'000	7 349	6 950	7 941
Calves	'000	1 028	985	1 038
Sheep	'000	18 211	14 581	16 628
Lambs	'000	16 357	14 223	18 629
Pigs	'000	4 865	5 017	5 016
Chickens(a)	'000	283 700	336 380	398 869
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1 723	1 711	2 086
Veal	'000 t	36	34	33
Mutton	'000 t	381	310	348
Lamb	'000 t	287	265	367
Pig meat	'000 t	312	347	365
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t	388	481	619
Wool receivals	'000 t	1 013	646	590
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	6 404	8 716	10 545
Eggs	'000 dozen	(b)208 036	174 053	203 163

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

(b) Year ended 31 March.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF FARM BUSINESSES

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Sales from crops	13 493.1	13 564.3	13 110.8
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	28 525.5
Purchases and selected expenses	15 472.4	15 908.7	16 642.2
Value added(a)	12 034.4	12 181.4	12 817.1
Adjusted value added(a)	10 145.0	10 191.0	10 731.2
Gross operating surplus(a)	7 608.1	7 359.1	7 961.5
Interest paid	1 595.1	1 645.3	1 866.3
Cash operating surplus(b)	6 091.7	5 529.1	5 587.2
Total net capital expenditure	2 624.7	2 573.1	2 197.1
Gross indebtedness	21 630.8	24 295.4	26 195.4

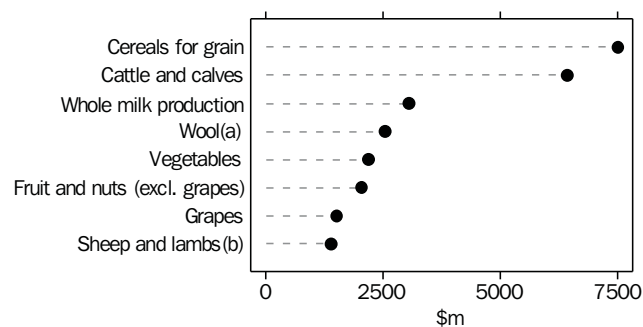
(a) Includes an estimate for the change in value of livestock.

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

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

	1991	1996	2001
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Crops			
Cereals for grain	3 008.6	6 603.4	7 493.5
Cotton	898.0	1 002.8	1 304.6
Crops for hay	112.3	237.1	201.2
Legumes for grain	286.1	574.7	582.8
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	(a)1 059.6	1 498.8	2 041.5
Grapes	(a)362.0	714.4	1 517.5
Nursery production	(a)442.6	646.4	794.7
Oilseeds	96.5	261.3	594.7
Sugar cane cut for crushing	748.0	1 168.7	656.7
Vegetables	(a)1 284.9	1 616.1	2 182.6
Pastures and grasses	582.0	727.4	775.2
All other crops n.e.i.	194.0	279.4	389.0
<i>Total crops</i>	<i>9 074.6</i>	<i>15 330.5</i>	<i>18 534.2</i>
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals			
Cattle and calves	3 869.4	3 575.9	6 430.6
Sheep and lambs(b)	364.2	1 035.7	1 401.8
Pigs	691.0	(e)597.8	822.3
Poultry	788.3	(e)948.1	1 060.2
Other livestock	(c)8.1	14.7	22.9
<i>Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals</i>	<i>5 721.0</i>	<i>(f)6 192.7</i>	<i>9 737.8</i>
Livestock products			
Wool(d)	4 180.9	2 559.7	2 541.2
Whole milk production	1 824.8	2 848.3	3 053.3
Eggs	321.1	256.9	332.7
Honey	26.1	39.0	35.5
Beeswax	1.4	3.2	2.0
<i>Total livestock products</i>	<i>6 354.3</i>	<i>5 707.3</i>	<i>5 964.7</i>
Total agriculture	21 158.5	(g)27 242.0	34 236.7
<p>(a) Excludes ACT (included in 'All other crops n.e.i.'). (d) Includes dead wool and wool on skins.</p> <p>(b) Excludes value of wool on skins. (e) Excludes Tas. and NT.</p> <p>(c) Incomplete; excludes goats for Qld and SA. (f) Excludes NT pigs and poultry.</p> <p>(g) Includes NT pigs and poultry.</p>			

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED — 2001



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

EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

	1991	1996	2001
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Plant nurseries	3	7	8
Cut flower and flower seed growing	16	29	24
Vegetable growing	101	215	244
Grape growing(a)	90	81	89
Apple and pear growing	46	59	70
Stone fruit growing	7	16	54
Kiwi fruit growing	—	2	7
Fruit growing n.e.c.	57	150	250
Grain growing	2 132	4 394	5 649
Sheep farming(b)	2 221	2 199	2 563
Beef cattle farming(b)	64	368	498
Poultry farming (meat)(b)	—	1	—
Poultry farming (eggs)	1	5	1
Pig farming	—	1	1
Horse farming	42	45	93
Livestock farming n.e.c.	20	27	40
Sugar cane growing(c)	—	—	—
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	60	89	151
Total agriculture	4 861	7 690	9 741

(a) Excludes wine.

(b) Includes exports of live animals but excludes meat exports.

(c) Includes exports of sugar cane only.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, November 2002.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

EVAO	estimated value of agricultural operations	t	tonnes
ha	hectares	'000	thousands
m	million	\$m	million dollars
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified	—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
n.e.i.	not elsewhere included	*	relative standard error between 25% and 50%

NOTES

The scope of the 2000–01 and 1995–96 Agricultural Censuses is establishments having an EVAO of \$5,000 or more. In 1990–91 the cut-off was \$20,000 or more. The reference period for 2001 is the year ending 30 June. In 1991 and 1996, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of establishments were collected as of 31 March.

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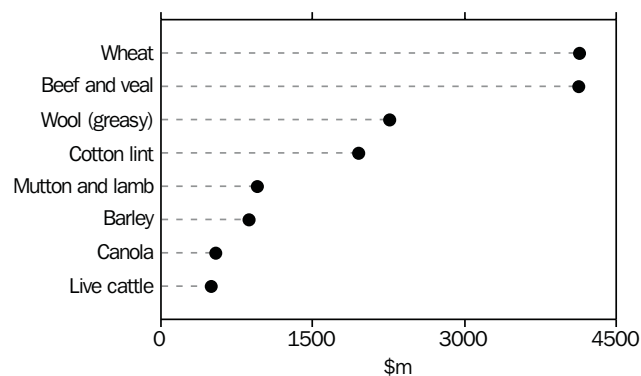
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EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

			1991	1996	2001
Crops					
Barley					
Quantity	'000 t		2 463	3 030	3 577
Value	\$m		356	711	876
Canola					
Quantity	'000 t		24	348	1 479
Value	\$m		—	138	544
Cotton lint					
Quantity	'000 t		339	311	834
Value	\$m		736	762	1 956
Rice					
Quantity	'000 t		219	592	579
Value	\$m		91	327	364
Wheat					
Quantity	'000 t		11 952	11 998	16 394
Value	\$m		1 696	3 363	4 135
Livestock					
Live cattle					
Quantity	'000		111	650	861
Value	\$m		64	368	498
Live sheep					
Quantity	'000		3 209	5 881	6 033
Value	\$m		50	227	264
Livestock products					
Beef and veal					
Quantity	'000 t		752	760	988
Value	\$m		2 598	2 457	4 127
Mutton and lamb					
Quantity	'000 t		201	199	308
Value	\$m		356	507	951
Wool (greasy)					
Quantity	'000 t		474	421	470
Value	\$m		2 171	1 966	2 259

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, November 2002.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES — 2001



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