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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

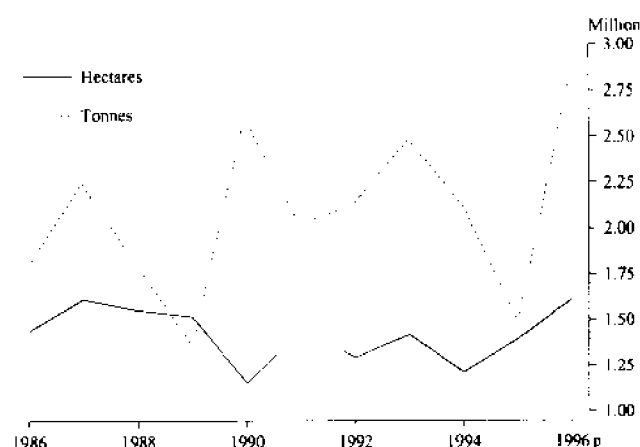
Preliminary results from the agricultural census for the 1995-96 season show improved conditions for agricultural production in South Australia resulting in significantly larger cereal crops.

CROPS

In terms of area, the two main cereal crops grown for grain were wheat and barley. In the year ended 31 March 1996, the area sown to wheat for grain increased from just under 1.4 million hectares to just over 1.6 million hectares, a rise of 15.7%.

Production of wheat increased by 94.0% from the previous season to 2.9 million tonnes. Wheat for grain was sown in all Statistical Divisions (SDs), the major contributors in terms of production being Eyre, and Yorke & Lower North which together accounted for 63.7% of the State's production (see table 1).

WHEAT, YEARS ENDED 31 MARCH



The area sown to barley for grain increased by 14.7% from the previous season to just over 1.0 million hectares; production increased by 68.0% to 1.9 million tonnes. Barley was sown in all SDs, the major contributors to production being Yorke & Lower North, and Eyre SDs which together accounted for 61.7% of the State's production (see table 1).

HORTICULTURE

During the 1995-96 season, total orange production fell to 172,000 tonnes, a decrease of 13.6% from 1994-95; however, at 31 March 1996, the number of trees six years and over increased by 3.1% to just under 1.9 million. The major SD in terms of tree numbers and production was Murray Lands, accounting for virtually all the State's production (see table 5).

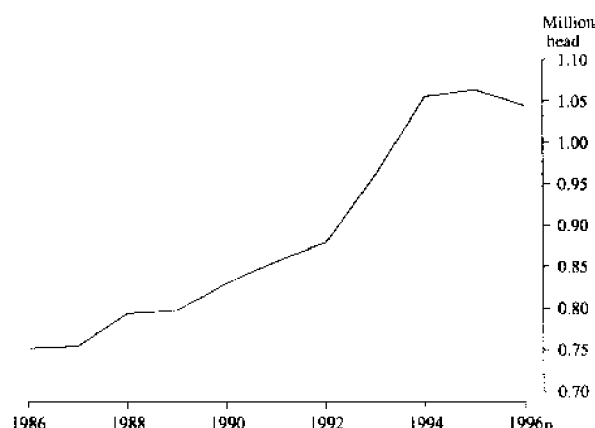
The number of apple trees six years and over at 31 March 1996 was 564,100, an increase of 6.1% from 31 March 1995. The major apple growing areas in South Australia were Adelaide and Outer Adelaide SDs which together accounted for 82.8% of the State's trees (see table 5).

LIVESTOCK

The meat cattle herd remained virtually unchanged at just over 1.0 million at 31 March 1996. The major SDs in terms of numbers were South East and Northern with 48.3% and 19.7%, respectively, of the State's meat cattle (see table 8).

The milk cattle herd increased to 157,500 at 31 March 1996, a rise of 3.3% from the previous season. The major SDs in terms of numbers were Adelaide & Outer Adelaide, and Murray Lands which together accounted for 73.9% of the State's milk cattle (see table 9).

MEAT CATTLE, AT 31 MARCH



Sheep and lamb numbers at 31 March 1996 were just under 14.0 million, an increase of 5.4% from the previous season. The major SDs in terms of numbers were South East and Northern which together accounted for 45.9% of the State's flock (see table 10). The number of lambs marked increased by 11.8% to 5.4 million (see table 11).

SHEEP AND LAMBS, AT 31 MARCH



The increase in sheep and lamb numbers was mainly attributable to a high lamb retention ratio caused by better lambing conditions and the desire to restock.

CROPS

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AREA AND PRODUCTION OF CEREALS FOR GRAIN BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Barley		Oats		Triticale	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	44.7	100.4	10.5	20.9	3.8	10.0
Yorke and Lower North	314.7	793.0	15.2	31.9	12.3	34.3
Murray Lands	251.8	322.2	21.0	19.9	37.0	42.1
South East	38.8	71.5	8.4	16.4	1.6	3.0
Eyre	252.6	408.6	58.4	60.5	12.1	14.6
Northern	108.6	250.8	13.5	21.2	1.5	3.3
South Australia						
1996p	1 011.1	1 946.6	127.1	170.8	68.3	107.2
1995	881.9	1 158.7	94.9	87.0	41.4	43.9
1994	1 115.3	2 242.4	101.5	135.1	29.6	49.0

Statistical division	Wheat	
	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	43.6	112.5
Yorke and Lower North	309.7	813.1
Murray Lands	257.9	376.9
South East	32.3	79.9
Eyre	761.9	1 025.6
Northern	208.0	478.2
South Australia		
1996p	1 613.5	2 886.2
1995	1 394.7	1 487.4
1994	1 216.0	2 121.1

2 AREA AND PRODUCTION OF LEGUMES FOR GRAIN BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Chick peas		Field peas		Faba beans	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	1.1	1.6	16.3	26.0	2.8	5.6
Yorke and Lower North	6.9	10.0	81.6	123.0	5.2	10.5
Murray Lands	0.1	0.1	12.5	13.0	1.9	2.9
South East	0.5	0.4	6.5	11.0	7.2	15.1
Eyre	0.5	0.5	19.8	20.5	1.0	2.0
Northern	4.0	5.7	22.9	32.2	7.1	11.4
South Australia						
1996p	13.0	18.3	159.5	225.6	25.2	47.6
1995	12.9	7.9	167.0	141.4	31.9	30.5
1994	9.3	10.6	138.5	197.2	34.6	55.2

Statistical division	Lupins	
	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	4.7	6.5
Yorke and Lower North	8.5	13.8
Murray Lands	19.7	18.1
South East	20.3	18.8
Eyre	23.1	29.8
Northern	6.7	8.1
South Australia		
1996p	83.0	95.1
1995	82.7	56.3
1994	69.6	82.0

3 AREA AND PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Canola		Safflower		Sunflower	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	2.6	4.0	0.2	0.2	—	—
Yorke and Lower North	9.4	17.8	0.4	0.3	—	—
Murray Lands	2.0	2.4	0.1	—	0.1	0.1
South East	10.4	14.8	2.6	1.9	—	—
Eyre	4.6	6.3	0.8	0.1	—	—
Northern	2.8	4.5	0.1	0.1	—	—
South Australia						
1996p	31.8	49.9	4.3	2.6	0.2	0.1
1995	24.5	25.9	7.9	3.8	0.3	0.4
1994	10.8	18.1	10.0	9.6	1.3	1.3

Statistical division	Barley			Oats		
	Intended sowings	Actual sowings	Intended sowings	Intended sowings	Actual sowings	Intended sowings
	1996	1996p	1997p	1996	1996p	1997p
	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	44.3	44.7	48.1	24.7	26.2	23.0
Yorke and Lower North	297.3	314.7	338.1	45.9	49.0	37.2
Murray Lands	247.9	251.8	268.1	32.7	37.1	32.2
South East	35.6	38.8	42.3	11.5	13.8	11.6
Eyre	236.0	252.6	270.3	78.9	78.2	84.5
Northern	99.1	108.6	114.7	23.6	24.8	17.9
South Australia	960.2	1 011.1	1 081.6	217.2	229.0	206.4

Statistical division	Wheat			Field peas		
	Intended sowings	Actual sowings ¹	Intended sowings	Intended sowings	Actual sowings	Intended sowings
	1996	1996p	1997p	1996	1996p	1997p
	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	41.9	43.6	46.7	17.0	16.3	16.3
Yorke and Lower North	280.8	309.7	324.2	80.7	81.6	75.9
Murray Lands	231.6	257.9	274.4	14.1	12.5	12.2
South East	29.5	32.3	39.3	8.2	6.5	6.8
Eyre	679.7	761.9	763.5	19.2	19.8	23.6
Northern	189.4	208.0	208.1	21.7	22.9	21.7
South Australia	1 452.9	1 613.5	1 656.2	160.9	159.5	156.4

Statistical division	Lupins		
	Intended sowings	Actual sowings	Intended sowings
	1996	1996p	1997p
	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	5.7	4.7	5.0
Yorke and Lower North	8.8	8.5	9.6
Murray Lands	20.6	19.7	22.8
South East	18.4	20.3	19.8
Eyre	22.5	23.1	30.2
Northern	6.8	6.7	6.9
South Australia	82.7	83.0	94.4

¹ Does not include a small component grown for hay.

HORTICULTURE

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NUMBER OF TREES AND PRODUCTION OF CITRUS AND POME FRUIT BY STATISTICAL DIVISION,
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Lemons and limes		Mandarins		Oranges	
	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production
	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	5.0	268.4	—	—	0.1	0.6
Yorke and Lower North	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray Lands	93.2	13 763.2	145.0	10 972.1	1 889.0	172 168.0
South East	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eyre	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Australia						
1996p	98.2	14 031.6	145.0	10 972.4	1 889.1	172 168.6
1995	96.9	13 978.2	135.9	11 135.9	1 831.9	199 181.2
1994	90.3	15 013.4	119.5	10 889.8	1 868.9	220 193.6

Statistical division	Apples		Nashi		Pears (excluding nashi)	
	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production
	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	467.0	n.y.a.	22.6	n.y.a.	63.9	n.y.a.
Yorke and Lower North	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
Murray Lands	21.1	n.y.a.	2.3	n.y.a.	18.9	n.y.a.
South East	76.0	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
Eyre	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
Northern	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
South Australia						
1996p	564.1	n.y.a.	24.9	n.y.a.	82.8	n.y.a.
1995	531.8	23 596.1	20.2	399.8	79.3	5 412.3
1994	506.5	23 088.9	14.7	474.0	85.9	6 686.1

NUMBER OF TREES, AREA AND PRODUCTION OF STONE AND BERRY FRUIT BY STATISTICAL DIVISION,
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Apricots		Nectarines		Peaches	
	<i>Trees 6 years and over</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Trees 6 years and over</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Trees 6 years and over</i>	<i>Production</i>
	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	26.0	716.4	4.7	71.2	14.4	441.2
Yorke and Lower North	—	0.3	—	—	—	—
Murray Lands	313.6	12 479.0	25.3	1 021.8	99.3	6 764.8
South East	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eyre	—	0.1	—	—	—	—
Northern	1.4	9.7	1.1	5.4	7.3	80.2
South Australia						
1996p	341.0	13 205.5	31.2	1 098.5	121.0	7 286.2
1995	348.9	17 349.1	19.1	1 256.9	122.1	8 443.3
1994	355.8	13 524.0	21.3	961.9	133.0	8 075.3

Statistical division	Plums and prunes		Raspberries		Strawberries	
	<i>Trees 6 years and over</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Area of bearing age</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Area of bearing age</i>	<i>Production</i>
	'000	tonnes	ha	tonnes	ha	tonnes
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	11.1	308.7	1.5	7.6	66.4	1 298.0
Yorke and Lower North	—	0.1	—	—	—	—
Murray Lands	83.3	4 436.6	—	—	0.1	0.5
South East	—	—	0.6	0.3	1.3	8.0
Eyre	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	1.3	1.9	—	—	—	—
South Australia						
1996p	95.7	4 747.3	2.1	7.9	67.9	1 306.5
1995	89.8	4 166.2	5.6	12.3	61.0	1 035.0
1994	85.0	3 288.4	4.9	21.9	79.7	1 269.0

	Unit	1994	1995	1996 ^p
Beans — French and runner				
Area	ha	90.4	59.7	36.6
Production	t	322.8	194.4	120.6
Broccoli				
Area	ha	395.1	442.2	378.6
Production	t	2 408.8	2 398.1	1 944.0
Cabbages				
Area	ha	188.1	175.8	145.9
Production	t	3 395.9	5 070.9	4 591.7
Carrots				
Area	ha	621.3	844.4	949.0
Production	t	22 884.5	36 611.7	39 166.3
Cauliflowers				
Area	ha	235.6	278.1	235.8
Production	t	5 440.9	7 088.7	6 263.8
Cucumbers				
Area	ha	48.6	54.0	50.0
Production	t	1 693.3	1 778.6	1 286.0
Green peas (pod weight)				
Area	ha	73.1	34.5	28.8
Production	t	330.1	79.8 ¹	126.0
Lettuces				
Area	ha	288.8	282.0	237.9
Production	t	7 143.3	6 184.8	4 932.7
Melons — water				
Area	ha	32.3	17.7	12.5
Production	t	698.0	557.7	280.9
Melons — rock and cantaloupe				
Area	ha	182.1	190.4	197.6
Production	t	4 517.2	5 772.0	6 384.7
Mushrooms				
Area	ha	9.6	11.2	9.8
Production	t	1 938.3	1 675.6	2 339.6
Onions — white and brown				
Area	ha	1 170.3	1 194.7	1 320.9
Production	t	53 300.6	51 394.4	62 315.9
Potatoes				
Area	ha	7 085.2	7 830.9	7 469.0
Production	t	202 645.0	247 414.1	n.y.a.
Pumpkins				
Area	ha	410.2	378.9	470.0
Production	t	8 945.4	7 673.4	10 679.0
Tomatoes				
Area	ha	179.8	165.3	173.7
Production	t	6 038.0	5 442.3	4 896.1

¹ Production figure for 1995 is not comparable with 1994 and 1996 data due to changes in questions asked.

LIVESTOCK

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MEAT CATTLE NUMBERS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	<i>Bulls and bull calves intended for service</i>	<i>Cows and heifers one year and over</i>	<i>Heifers and other calves under one year</i>	<i>Other cattle one year and over</i>	<i>Total meat cattle</i>	<i>Percentage of total meat cattle herd</i>
<i>Statistical division</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	4.0	64.5	37.2	30.6	136.3	13.0
Yorke and Lower North	1.6	21.9	13.4	9.8	46.7	4.5
Murray Lands	2.3	60.8	36.4	17.3	116.8	11.2
South East	13.5	253.5	129.4	107.7	504.1	48.3
Eyre	1.1	18.1	11.6	3.9	34.7	3.3
Northern	4.7	101.6	52.7	47.2	206.2	19.7
South Australia						
1996p	27.2	520.4	280.7	216.4	1 044.7	100.0
1995	28.7	529.5	290.7	214.8	1 063.7	100.0
1994	27.9	576.2	276.2	175.3	1 055.6	100.0

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MILK CATTLE NUMBERS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	<i>Cows in milk and dry</i>	<i>Other milk cattle</i>	<i>Total milk cattle ¹</i>	<i>Percentage of total milk cattle herd</i>
<i>Statistical division</i>	'000	'000	'000	%
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	45.9	23.8	69.7	44.3
Yorke and Lower North	3.2	1.7	4.9	3.1
Murray Lands	28.8	17.9	46.7	29.7
South East	22.8	12.2	35.0	22.2
Eyre	—	—	—	—
Northern	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.8
South Australia				
1996p	101.6	56.0	157.5	100.0
1995	98.6	55.7	152.4	100.0
1994	93.8	52.2	146.6	100.0

¹ Excludes house cows and heifers.

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NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	Sheep ¹ (1 year and over)	Lambs and hoggets (under 1 year)	Total sheep and lambs	Percentage of total sheep flock
Statistical division	'000	'000	'000	%
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	1 286.4	341.2	1 627.6	11.7
Yorke and Lower North	1 249.6	497.8	1 747.4	12.5
Murray Lands	1 364.1	542.6	1 906.7	13.7
South East	2 621.8	757.7	3 379.5	24.2
Eyre	1 628.8	636.4	2 265.2	16.2
Northern	2 167.3	866.9	3 034.2	21.7
South Australia				
1996p	10 318.0	3 642.6	13 960.6	100.0
1995	10 139.5	3 109.6	13 249.1	100.0
1994	11 172.2	3 506.9	14 679.1	100.0

¹ Sheep 1 year and over including rams, ewes and wethers.

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LAMBING BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

	Ewes mated ¹	Lambs marked	Lamb marking ratio ²	Lambing expectations year ended 31 March 1997 ³		
Statistical division	'000	'000	%	Joined to merino rams	Joined to other rams	Total
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	671.0	544.6	81.2	379.4	343.8	723.2
Yorke and Lower North	796.7	675.3	84.8	525.2	275.6	800.8
Murray Lands	984.5	837.9	85.1	791.4	234.6	1 026.0
South East	1 651.9	1 494.9	90.5	722.8	1 016.3	1 739.1
Eyre	936.8	752.6	80.3	835.4	145.5	980.9
Northern	1 376.5	1 078.7	78.4	1 284.9	132.3	1 417.2
South Australia						
1996p	6 417.3	5 384.0	83.9	4 539.1	2 148.1	6 687.3
1995	6 251.6	4 816.2	77.0	4 317.0	1 908.1	6 225.1
1994	6 751.9	5 549.8	82.2	4 599.3	2 306.3	6 905.5

¹ Ewes mated to produce lambs marked in the season shown.

² Lambs marked as a proportion of ewes mated to produce lambs.

³ Forecast made at the end of the 1995-96 season.

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PIG NUMBERS ¹ BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

	Total pigs	Percentage of total pigs
Statistical division	'000	%
Adelaide and Outer Adelaide	136.4	32.8
Yorke and Lower North	71.2	17.1
Murray Lands	127.5	30.7
South East	38.1	9.2
Eyre	22.8	5.5
Northern	19.4	4.7
South Australia		
1996p	415.3	100.0
1995	422.9	100.0
1994	439.8	100.0

¹ Includes suckers, weaners, growers etc.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary agricultural estimates for the 1995-96 season and comparative data for earlier years. Final figures for the 1995-96 season will be published early in 1997 when all agricultural census returns have been fully processed.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 Estimates are based on information obtained from a substantial proportion of farms in South Australia, from the agricultural census conducted throughout Australia for the year ended 31 March 1996.

3 Establishments which make only a small contribution to overall agricultural production are excluded from the scope of the census. Information is collected from establishments when their estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) is above a certain level. These levels have varied in past agricultural censuses, as follows:

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ■ 1993-94 to present | EVAO \$5,000 and over; |
| ■ 1991-92 to 1992-93 | EVAO \$22,500 and over; |
| ■ 1986-87 to 1990-91 | EVAO \$20,000 and over; and |
| ■ before 1986-87 | EVAO \$2,500 and over. |

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

4 Preliminary estimates are based on forms received and processed at the point of estimation (approximately 75%) and are subject to sampling error.

5 Sampling error is the variation occurring because information has not been collected from all the relevant units. This is often described in terms of relative standard error (RSE) which makes certain assumptions about the distribution of the units used in estimation. In particular, these units are assumed to have been drawn from the population randomly and are therefore representative of those units for which there is no information (late returns). If there is a bias associated with these units (e.g. units faring poorly may reply later and thus may not be included in preliminary estimates), this assumption is no longer valid. However, the RSE measures should still be regarded as a good guide to the reliability of the estimates, and are available on request.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

6 Users may also wish to refer to the following priced publications which are available on request:

Agricultural Industries, Financial Statistics, Australia (7507.0)
Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia (7503.0)

OTHER FORMS OF RELEASE

7 The ABS has more detailed agricultural statistics on floppy disk and CD. AgStats on floppy disk or CD offers a wider range of data aggregated at smaller geographic areas than those generally available in printed publications, together with an easy-to-use interrogation facility.

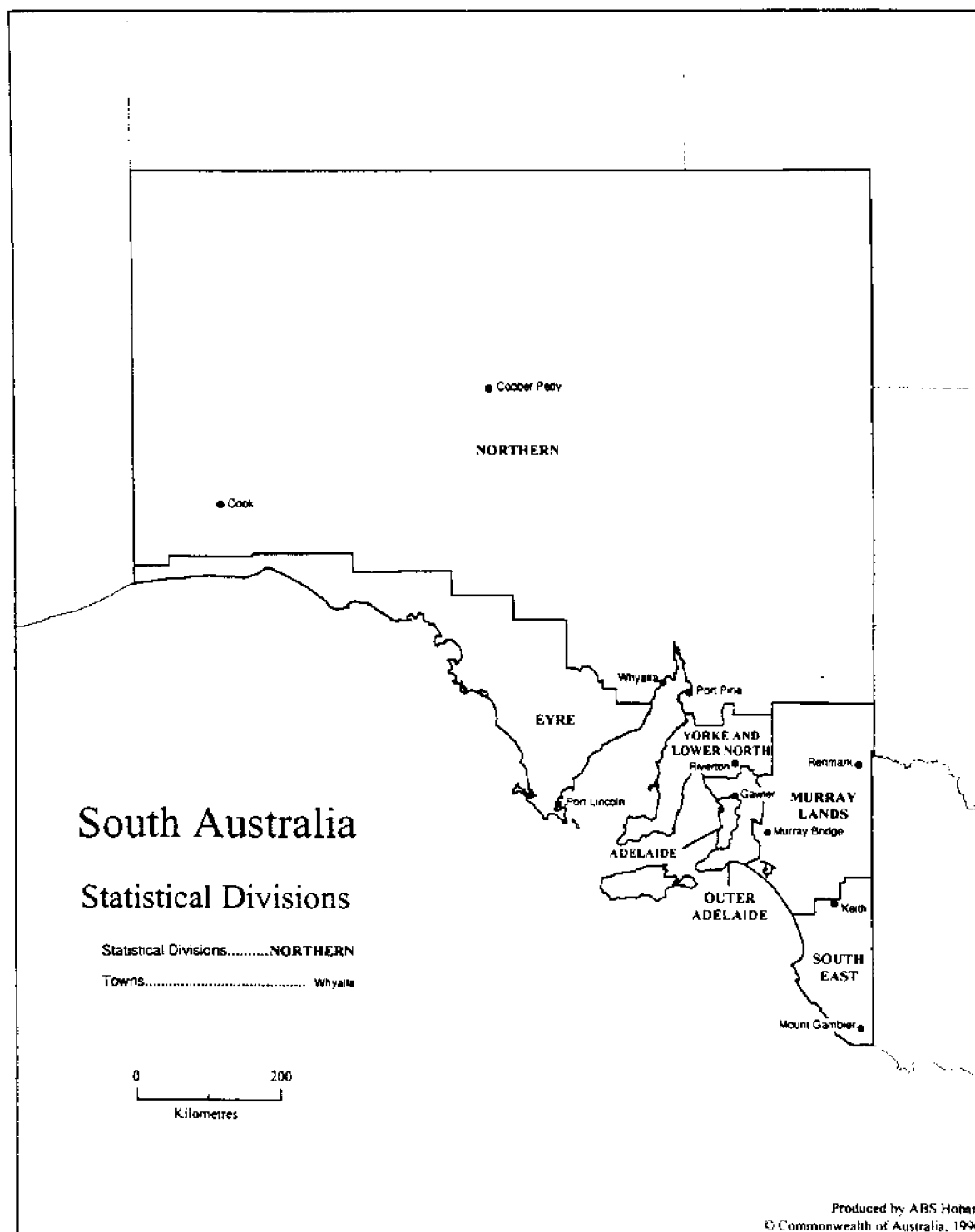
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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- | | |
|--------|------------------------|
| — | nil or rounded to zero |
| ha | hectares |
| t | tonnes |
| n.y.a. | not yet available |
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9 Where the figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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