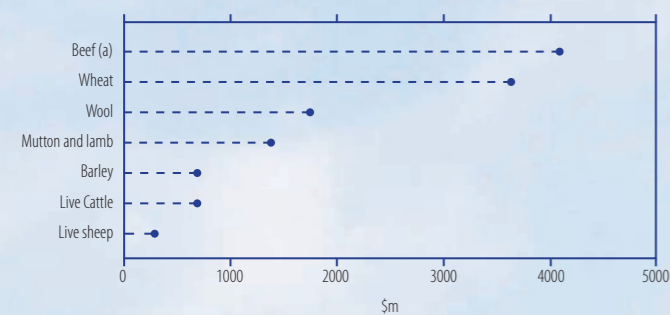


EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

			2001	2006	2010
Crops					
Barley	Quantity	'000 t	3,580	4,732	3,533
	Value	\$m	876	904	702
Cotton lint	Quantity	'000 t	846	657	395
	Value	\$m	1,956	1,137	755
Wheat	Quantity	'000 t	16,400	14,872	13,251
	Value	\$m	4,135	3,212	3,636
Livestock					
Live cattle	Quantity	'000	861	578	958
	Value	\$m	498	404	701
Live sheep	Quantity	'000	6,033	4,251	3,060
	Value	\$m	264	297	298
Livestock products					
Beef(a)	Quantity	'000 t	1,026	986	934
	Value	\$m	4,127	4,539	4,109
Mutton and lamb	Quantity	'000 t	319	306	325
	Value	\$m	951	1,223	1,389
Wool (greasy)	Quantity	'000 t	481	375	307
	Value	\$m	2,259	1,816	1,762

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Exports of Selected Commodities – 2010



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2011

IRRIGATION ACTIVITY

	2001	2006	2010
Agricultural businesses (no.)(a)	140,516	154,681	134,553
Agricultural businesses irrigating (no.)	39,863	44,826	40,816
Area of agricultural land ('000 ha)	455,723	434,925	398,580
Area irrigated ('000 ha)	2,603	2,546	1,841
Volume applied (ML)	na	10,737,364	6,596,040
Application rate (ML/ha)(b)	na	4.2	3.6

(a) From 2005-06, ABS moved to a new frame. See 'Notes' for details.
(b) Averaged across all irrigated pastures and crops.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ABR	Australian Business Register	no.	number
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	NT	Northern Territory
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	RSE	relative standard error
EVAO	estimated value of agricultural operations	t	tonnes
ha	hectares	Tas.	Tasmania
inc.	including	wt	weight
m	million	'000	thousands
ML	megalitre	\$m	million dollars
ML/ha	megalitres per hectare	^	RSE between 10% and 25%
na	not available	*	RSE between 25% and 50%
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified	**	RSE greater than 50%

NOTES

The reference period for 2001, 2006 and 2010 was the year ending 30 June.

The scope of the 2001 and 2006 Agricultural Censuses and the 2009-10 ARMS Survey was agricultural businesses in 2006 and 2009-10 with an EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

In 2005-06, the ABS moved to a new frame sourced from the Australian Taxation Office's Australian Business Register (ABR).

In addition to the change in frame, there have been changes in methodologies used for determining whether agricultural businesses are 'in scope' of the collection and in some of the ways the data are compiled. The key implication of this strategy is that data from 2005-06 is not exactly comparable with earlier data. Detailed information on the impact of the change can be found in *Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2005-06*, (cat. no. 7121.0).

For more information...

Agricultural Commodities, Australia (cat. no. 7121.0)
Water Use on Australian Farms, Australia (cat. no. 4618.0)
Livestock Products, Australia (cat. no. 7215.0)
Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced (cat. no. 7503.0)

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NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY, BY INDUSTRY(a), 2010

Agriculture	120,112
Nursery production (under cover plus outdoors)	1,005
Turf growing	302
Floriculture production (under cover plus outdoors)	597
Mushroom growing	76^
Vegetable growing (under cover plus outdoors)	4,279
Grape growing	5,536
Apple and pear growing	545
Citrus fruit growing	916
Other fruit and tree nut growing	4,902
Sheep farming (specialised)	10,705
Beef cattle farming plus beef cattle feedlots (specialised)	40,854
Sheep-beef cattle farming	5,909
Grain-sheep or grain-beef cattle farming	12,352
Rice growing	197
Other grain growing	13,059
Sugar cane growing	3,634
Cotton growing	361^
Other crop growing n.e.c.	2,088
Dairy cattle farming	8,594
Poultry farming (meat)	687
Poultry farming (eggs)	332^
Deer farming	101*
Other livestock farming(b)	2,391
Pig farming	687
All other industries	14,072
Total all industries	134,184

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

(b) Includes horse farming, beekeeping and other livestock farming n.e.c.

LAND USE ON FARMS

		2001	2006	2010
Number of agricultural businesses engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	140,516	154,472	134,184
Total area of agricultural businesses	000 ha	455,723	434,925	398,580
Area of crops(b)	'000 ha	24,520	24,565	25,968
Total area of Australia	'000 ha	769,202	769,202	769,202

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

(b) Excludes crops harvested for hay and seed, and pasture and grasses.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, AT 30 JUNE

		2001	2006	2010
Milk cattle	'000	3,217	2,788	2,542
Meat cattle	'000	24,504	25,605	24,008
Sheep and lambs	'000	110,928	91,028	68,085
Pigs	'000	2,748	2,733	2,289
Chickens for meat	'000	77,231	78,448	71,290
Chickens for eggs	'000	14,276	15,936	11,734

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

Livestock slaughterings (no.)		2001	2006	2010
Cattle	'000	7,941	7,580	7,461
Calves	'000	1,038	821	903
Sheep	'000	16,628	11,830	7,333
Lambs	'000	18,629	18,666	19,478
Pigs	'000	5,016	5,370	4,561
Chickens(a)	'000	398,869	437,865	465,677

Meat production (carcass weight)

Beef	'000 t	2,086	2,050	2,057
Veal	'000 t	33	28	52
Mutton	'000 t	348	244	162
Lamb	'000 t	367	382	413
Pig meat	'000 t	365	389	331
Chicken meat (dressed wt)(a)	'000 t	619	773	834

Wool receivals	'000 t	590	473	353
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Whole milk factory intake	ML	10,545	10,089	9,018
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(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

MAJOR CROPS

Crops for grain			2001	2006	2010
Barley	Production	'000 t	6,743	9,482	7,865
	Area	'000 ha	3,454	4,406	4,422
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1,935	1,932	1,508
	Area	'000 ha	758	767	498
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1,055	1,285	823
	Area	'000 ha	1,180	809	692
Oats	Production	'000 t	1,050	1,688	1,162
	Area	'000 ha	650	930	850
Rice	Production	'000 t	1,643	1,003	197
	Area	'000 ha	177	102	19
Wheat	Production	'000 t	22,108	25,150	21,834
	Area	'000 ha	12,141	12,443	13,881

Other crops

Canola	Production	'000 t	1,775	1,419	1,907
	Area	'000 ha	1,459	972	1,695
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	666	560	352
	Area	'000 ha	536	327	196
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	28,117	37,128	31,235
	Area	'000 ha	403	398	389

Fruit

Apples	Production	'000 t	325	276	264
	Trees(a)	'000	6,455	8,833	7,501
Bananas	Production	'000 t	358	187	302
	Bearing area	'000 ha	11	11	12
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	37	36	44
	Trees(a)	'000	1,017	1,437	1,178
Oranges	Production	'000 t	550	507	391
	Trees(a)	'000	6,669	6,553	6,791
Pears (inc. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	173	142	95
	Trees(a)	'000	1,785	1,776	1,427

Vegetables

Carrots	Production	'000 t	321	265	267
	Area	'000 ha	8	6	5
Onions	Production	'000 t	222	222	260
	Area	'000 ha	5	5	5
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1,302	1,250	1,278
	Area	'000 ha	40	35	36
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	556	450	472
	Area	'000 ha	10	8	8

(a) Trees of bearing age.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Crops	2001	2006	2010
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Cereals for grain	7,494	7,581	6,806
Cotton	1,305	933	754
Legumes for grain	583	658	725
Grapes	1,517	1,378	1,110
Nurseries, cut flowers and cultivated turf	795	1,418	1,324
Oilseeds	595	528	906
Sugar cane cut for crushing	657	1,032	1,382
Vegetables	2,183	2,833	3,023
Total crops	18,534	20,797	21,260

Livestock slaughterings and other disposals

Cattle and calves	6,431	7,685	7,268
Sheep and lambs(a)	1,402	2,112	2,627
Pigs	822	890	903
Poultry	1,060	1,223	1,785
Other livestock	23	50	77

Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals

	9,738	11,960	12,659
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Livestock products

Wool(b)	2,541	2,054	1,928
Whole milk	3,053	3,341	3,371
Eggs	333	376	428

Total livestock products

	5,965	5,771	5,726
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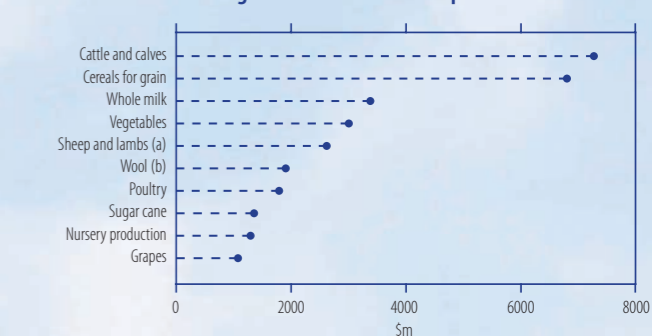
Total agriculture

	34,237	38,482	39,645
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(a) Excludes value of wool on skins.

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

Gross value of selected agricultural commodities produced – 2009-10



(a) Excludes value of wool on skins.

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