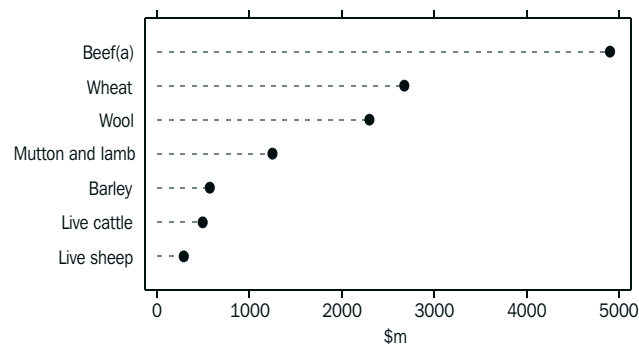


EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

		1997	2002	2007
Crops				
Barley				
Quantity	'000 t	3 916	4 384	2 401
Value	\$m	815	1 017	576
Cotton lint				
Quantity	'000 t	505	718	487
Value	\$m	1 077	1 547	823
Wheat				
Quantity	'000 t	18 239	16 205	10 899
Value	\$m	4 301	4 527	2 673
Livestock				
Live cattle				
Quantity	'000	895	821	676
Value	\$m	445	561	497
Live sheep				
Quantity	'000	5 299	6 533	4 140
Value	\$m	193	399	290
Livestock products				
Beef(a)				
Quantity	'000 t	746	933	1 029
Value	\$m	2 112	4 333	4 895
Mutton and lamb				
Quantity	'000 t	205	284	324
Value	\$m	540	1 140	1 252
Wool (greasy)				
Quantity	'000 t	499	401	399
Value	\$m	2 176	2 259	2 298

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES—2007



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

IRRIGATION ACTIVITY

	2005-06	2006-07
Agricultural businesses (no.)	154 681	150 817
Agricultural businesses irrigating (no.)	44 826	41 787
Area of agricultural land ('000 ha)	434 925	425 449
Area irrigated ('000 ha)	2 546	1 923
Volume applied (ML)	10 737 364	7 636 194
Application rate (ML/ha)(a)	4.2	4.0

(a) Averaged across all irrigated pastures and crops.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	n.e.i.	not elsewhere included
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	NT	Northern Territory
EVAO	estimated value of agricultural operations	Tas.	Tasmania
excl.	Excluding	'000	thousands
ha	hectares	\$m	million dollars
L	litres	^	relative standard error (RSE)
ML	megalitre		between 10% and 25%
m	million	*	RSE between 25% and 50%
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified		

NOTES

The reference period for 2002 and 2007 was the year ending 30 June. In 1997, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of agricultural businesses were collected as of 31 March.

The scope of the 1997 Agricultural Census and the 2002 and 2007 Agricultural Surveys was agricultural businesses having 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 these changes is that data from 2005-06 are not exactly comparable with earlier data. Detailed information on the impact of the change can be found in *Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2005-06*, ABS cat. no. 7121.0.

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

	2007
Nursery production (undercover)	^407
Nursery production (outdoors)	714
Turf growing	291
Floriculture production (undercover)	^275
Floriculture production (outdoors)	492
Mushroom growing	^109
Vegetable growing (undercover)	947
Vegetable growing (outdoors)	4 006
Grape growing	6 091
Kiwifruit growing	*40
Berry fruit growing	549
Apple and pear growing	743
Stone fruit growing	1 215
Citrus fruit growing	1 384
Olive growing	^400
Other fruit and tree nut growing	3 333
Sheep farming (specialised)	12 285
Beef cattle farming (specialised)	44 914
Beef cattle feedlots (specialised)	^316
Sheep-beef cattle farming	8 443
Grain-sheep or grain-beef cattle farming	13 782
Rice growing	^145
Other grain growing	11 165
Sugar cane growing	3 968
Cotton growing	482
Other crop growing n.e.c.	2 401
Dairy cattle farming	8 993
Poultry farming (meat)	807
Poultry farming (eggs)	440
Deer farming	^170
Horse farming	3 102
Pig farming	892
Beekeeping	*47
Other livestock farming n.e.c.	^1 006
<i>Total agricultural industries</i>	<i>134 353</i>
<i>All other industries(b)</i>	<i>16 050</i>
Total all industries	150 403

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

(b) Includes businesses whose main activity is not agriculture.

LAND USE ON FARMS

	2006	2007
Number of businesses with agricultural activity(a)	154 472	150 403
Total area of ag. businesses	'000 ha 434 925	425 449
Area of crops	'000 ha 24 565	23 530
Total area of Australia	'000 ha 769 202	769 202

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

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, AT 30 JUNE

	1997	2002	2007
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	2 958	3 131	2 663
Meat cattle	23 736	24 739	25 373
Sheep and lambs	120 228	106 166	85 711
Pigs	2 555	2 940	2 605
Chickens for meat	67 373	72 144	82 114
Chickens for eggs	14 059	12 858	15 271

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

	1997	2002	2007
Livestock slaughterings			
Cattle	'000 7 270	7 624	8 162
Calves	'000 1 141	963	919
Sheep	'000 14 340	14 441	13 271
Lambs	'000 14 579	17 400	20 158
Pigs	'000 4 796	5 402	5 322
Chickens(a)	'000 340 908	415 556	453 910
Meat production (carcass weight)			
Beef	'000 t 1 772	1 996	2 196
Veal	'000 t 38	31	31
Mutton	'000 t 296	296	271
Lamb	'000 t 270	348	413
Pig meat	'000 t 336	396	382
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t 488	667	812
Wool receivals	'000 t 685	537	502
Whole milk factory intake	ML 9 039	11 271	9 582
Eggs	'000 dozen (b)177 409	187 027	236 439

(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

(b) Year ended 31 March.

MAJOR CROPS

		1997	2002	2007
Crops for grain				
Barley	Production	'000 t 6 696	8 280	4 257
	Area	'000 ha 3 366	3 707	4 182
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t 1 425	2 021	1 283
	Area	'000 ha 544	823	613
Lupins	Production	'000 t 1 522	1 215	470
	Area	'000 ha 1 259	1 139	736
Oats	Production	'000 t 1 653	1 434	748
	Area	'000 ha 1 052	784	1 003
Rice	Production	'000 t 1 255	1 192	^163
	Area	'000 ha 152	144	^20
Wheat	Production	'000 t 22 924	24 299	10 822
	Area	'000 ha 10 936	11 529	11 798
Other crops				
Canola	Production	'000 t 623	1 756	573
	Area	'000 ha 407	1 332	1 052
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t 560	675	282
	Area	'000 ha 378	458	163
Sugar cane	Production	'000 t 38 633	31 424	36 397
	Area	'000 ha 390	426	409
Fruit				
Apples	Production	'000t 353	321	270
	Trees(a)	'000 5 656	8 070	8 590
Bananas	Production	'000t 200	313	213
	Bearing area	'000 ha 10	13	12
Grapes	Production	'000 t 943	1 754	1 530
	Bearing area	'000 ha 72	143	164
Mangoes	Production	'000 t 32	41	58
	Trees(a)	'000 671	1 006	1 452
Oranges	Production	'000 t 523	451	471
	Trees(a)	'000 6 736	6 767	6 612
Pears (ex. nashi)	Production	'000 t 168	145	135
	Trees(a)	'000 1 416	1 312	1 741
Vegetables				
Carrots	Production	'000 t 257	331	271
	Area	'000 ha 7	8	6
Onions, white & brown	Prod.	'000 t 196	283	246
	Area	'000 ha 5	6	5
Potatoes	Production	'000 t 1 286	1 333	1 212
	Area	'000 ha 41	38	34
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t 393	425	296
	Area	'000 ha 9	8	^7

(a) Number of trees refers to trees of bearing age. For all fruit except apples, this is trees six years and over. For apples, the 2007 figure refers to trees four years and over. The 1997 and 2002 figures refer to trees six years and over.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

	1997	2002	2007
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Crops			
Cereals for grain	7 177.4	9 321.4	4 407.6
Cotton	1 342.4	1 326.8	506.7
Crops for hay	596.3	908.7	1 618.6
Legumes for grain	593.8	805.5	395.6
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	1 667.8	2 129.7	3 499.1
Grapes	721.4	1 577.7	1 137.8
Nursery production	(a)641.4	772.6	1 464.7
Oilseeds	325.5	725.3	247.1
Sugar cane cut for crushing	1 186.4	989.1	1 221.4
Vegetables	1 662.3	2 268.5	3 103.0
All other crops n.e.i.	267.4	577.4	343.1
<i>Total crops</i>	<i>16 182.1</i>	<i>21 402.7</i>	<i>17 944.6</i>
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals			
Cattle and calves	3 390.1	7 142.4	7 987.9
Sheep and lambs(b)	1 038.9	2 117.6	2 057.1
Pigs	(c)692.9	967.7	943.6
Poultry	(c)1 053.3	1 174.9	1 294.1
Other livestock	13.6	31.9	53.3
<i>Total livestock slaughterings</i>	<i>(d)6 215.3</i>	<i>11 434.5</i>	<i>12 335.9</i>
Livestock products			
Wool(e)	2 621.2	2 713.2	2 281.6
Whole milk	(f)2 808.9	3 717.1	3 177.6
Eggs	(f)274.9	320.4	387.6
<i>Total livestock products</i>	<i>(f)5 753.6</i>	<i>6 750.7</i>	<i>5 846.8</i>
Total agriculture	28 156.1	39 587.9	36 127.3

(a) Excludes cultivated turf for Tasmania. Included in 'All other crops n.e.i.'.

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.

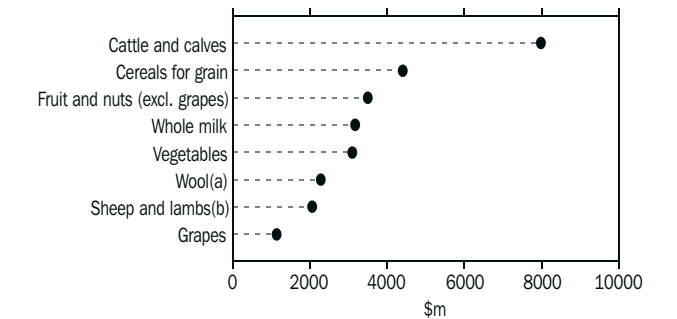
(c) Excludes Tasmania and NT. Tasmanian data included in 'Total slaughterings & other disposals'. NT data included in 'Total agriculture'.

(d) Excludes pigs & poultry in the NT. Included in 'Total agriculture'.

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

(f) Excludes NT. Included in 'Total agriculture'.

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED—2007



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

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.