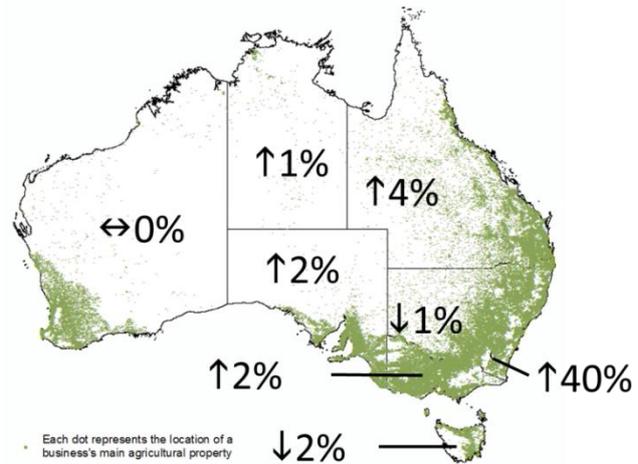


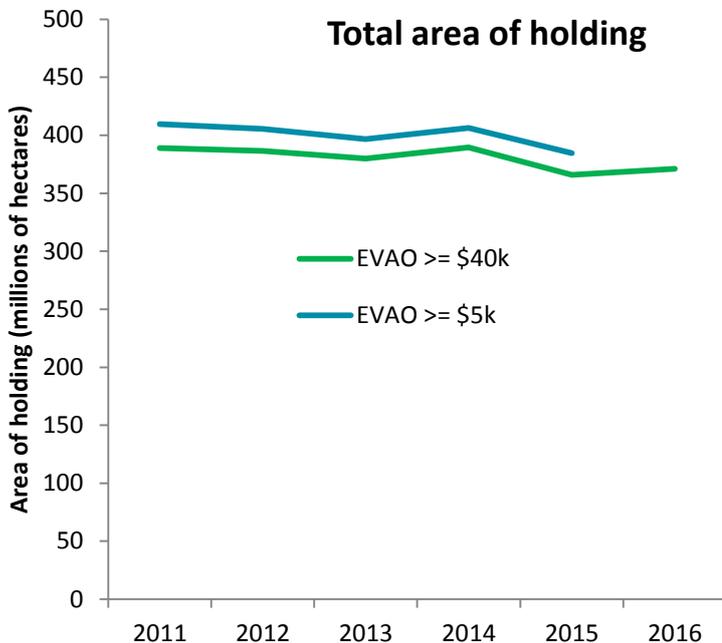
Australia

- In 2015-16 there were 85,681 agricultural businesses operating in Australia, which was a slight increase from 2014-15 (1%)¹
- There were 67.5m sheep and lambs, 22.3m beef cattle, 2.7m dairy cattle and 2.3m pigs as at 30 June 2016¹
- The total gross value of agricultural production in Australia for 2015-16 was \$56b²

Location of Australian farms and business count movement (%)



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- Crops contributed \$27.3b to the total value of agriculture in Australia with wheat (\$6.2b), fruit and nuts (ex. grapes) (\$4.2b) and vegetables (\$3.6b) being the largest contributors²
- Livestock disposals and products contributed \$28.6b to the total value of agriculture, with cattle and calves slaughter (\$13.0b) and milk (\$4.3b) contributing the largest amount. Poultry slaughter contributed \$2.7b to the total²
- Total water applied for agriculture in Australia decreased from 8,645,406ML in 2014-15 to 8,381,399ML in 2015-16, a change of -3%³

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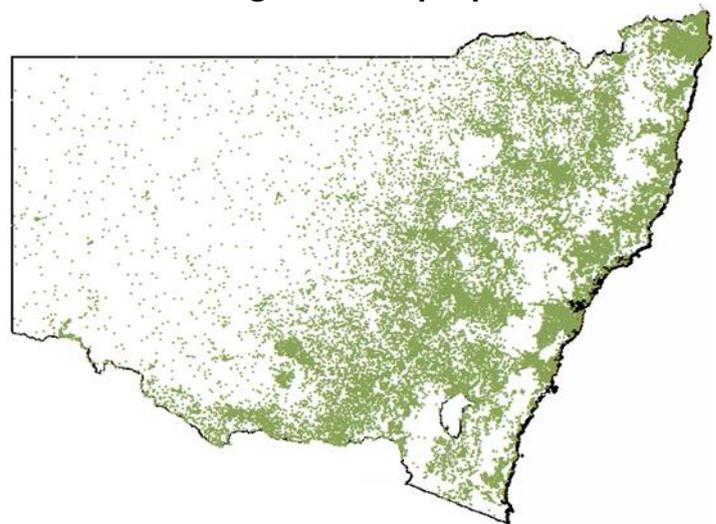
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New South Wales

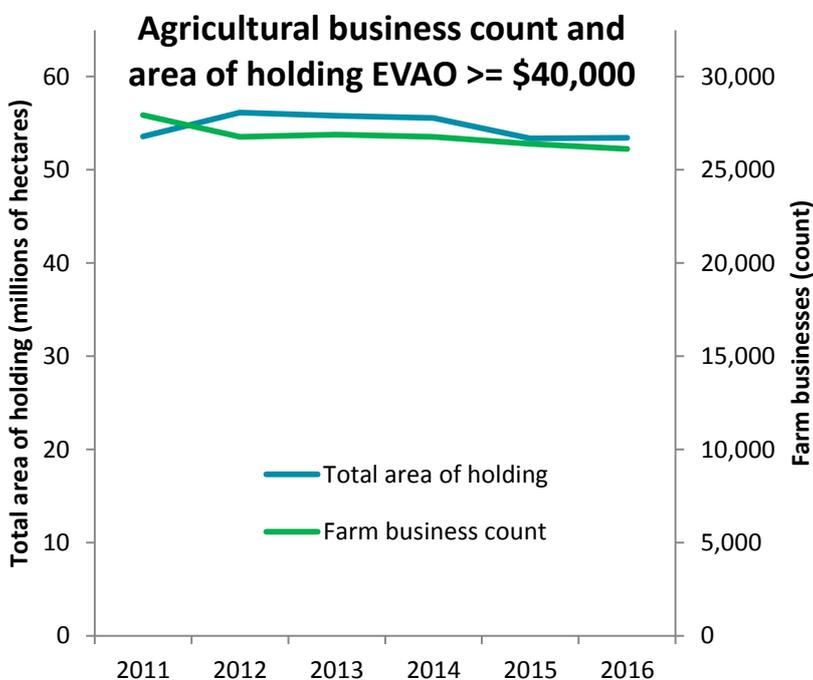
- The size of the New South Wales sheep and lamb flock in 2015-16 was 26.0m head accounting for 38% of the Australian total¹
- The cotton lint (irrigated and non-irrigated) production increased by 109.0m kilograms, or 43%, to 362,785,235 kilograms in 2015-16¹
- Orange production increased by 26m kilograms, or 15%, to 193,879,528 kilograms in 2015-16¹

Main agricultural properties



Each dot represents the location of a business's main agricultural property

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- New South Wales accounted for 23% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²
- The gross value (GV) of sheep and lamb slaughtered in New South Wales declined by \$19.0m to \$734.5m in 2015-16²
- The GV of New South Wales's orange crop rose by \$17.8m in 2015-16 to \$148m, an increase of 14%²
- Water applied for agriculture in New South Wales decreased from 3,116,490ML in 2014-15 to 2,610,856ML in 2015-16, a change of -16%³

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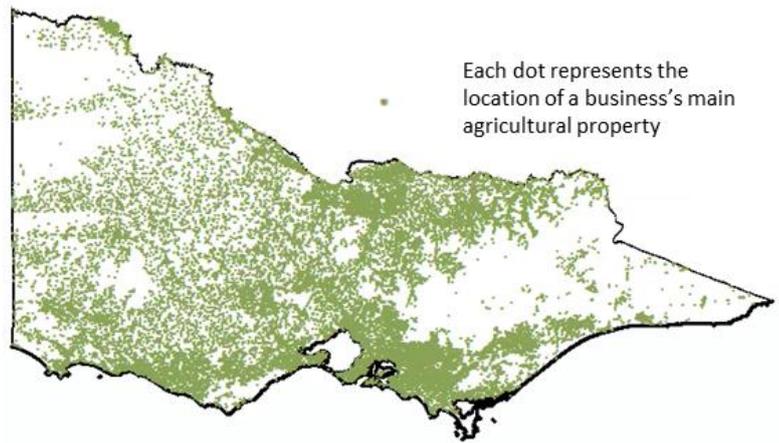
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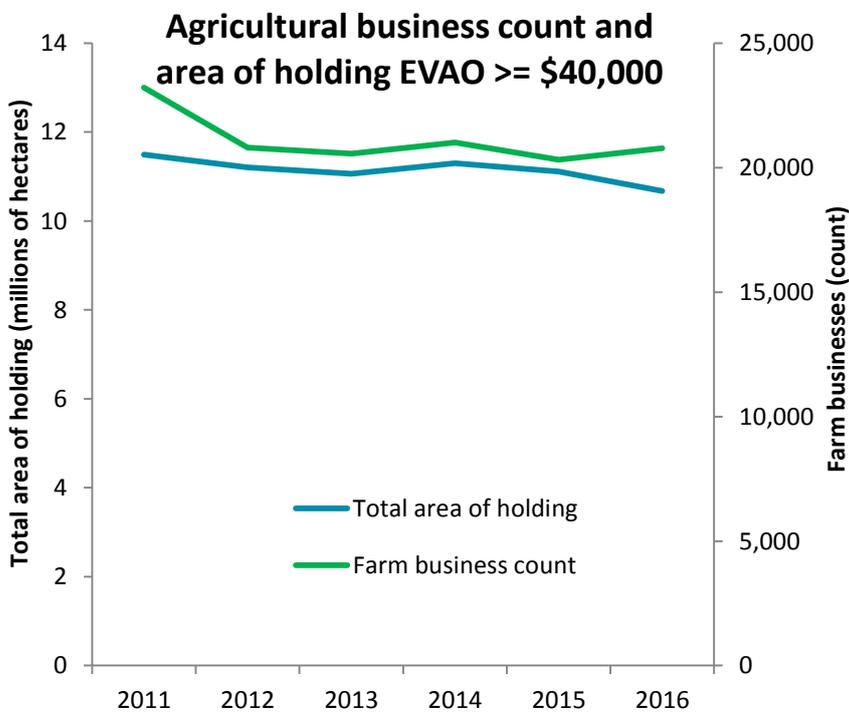
Victoria

- The total number of dairy cows in milk and dry in Victoria decreased from 1,114,426 head in 2014-15 to 1,004,538 head in 2015-16, a decrease of 10%¹
- Olive production increased by 31m kilograms in 2015-16, to 62,132,871 kg or 98%¹
- The number of sheep and lambs decreased by 681,018, or 5% in 2015-16¹

Main agricultural businesses



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- Victoria accounted for 23% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²
- The gross value (GV) of milk in Victoria decreased by 12% to \$2.6b in 2015-16²
- The GV of sheep and lamb slaughtered in Victoria experienced a slight (2%) decrease in 2015-16, to an estimated value of \$1.3b²
- Water applied for agriculture in Victoria decreased from 2,194,785ML in 2014-15 to 1,946,125ML in 2015-16, a change of -11%³

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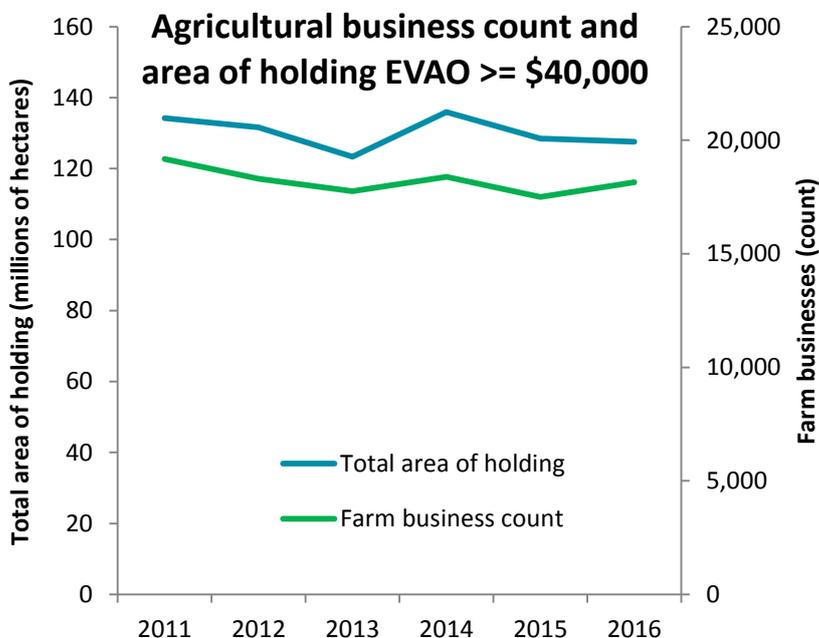
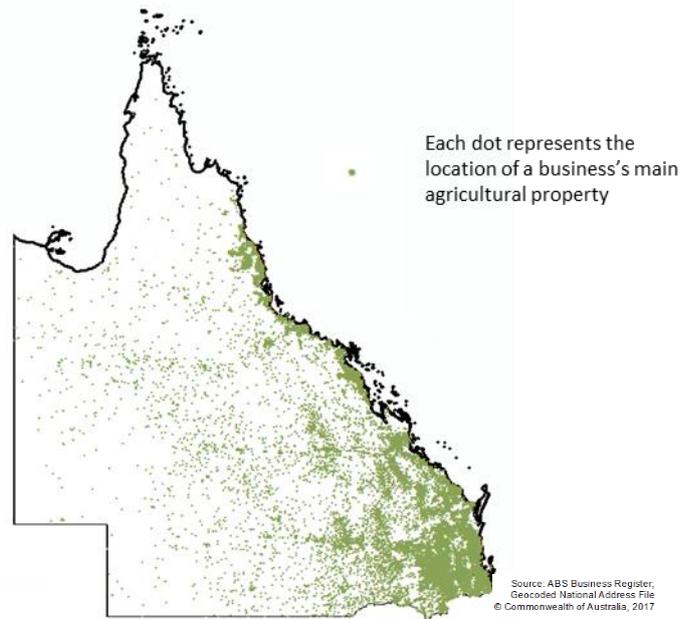
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Queensland

- Sugar cane production in Queensland increased from 30,204,168 tonnes in 2014-15 to 32,267,975 tonnes in 2015-16, an increase of 7%¹
- The size of the beef cattle herd was 10.4 million head at 30 June 2016 which was 47% of the national total¹
- Queensland sorghum production decreased by 384,409 tonnes, or 25%, to 1,177,451 tonnes in 2015-16¹

Main agricultural properties



- Queensland accounted for 24% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²
- The gross value (GV) of cattle and calves slaughtered in Queensland continued to rise in 2015-16, up 15% on 2014-15 to \$5.9b²
- The GV of Queensland's peanut crop increased by 9% to \$16.1m in 2015-16²
- Water applied for agriculture in Queensland increased from 2,165,669ML in 2014-15 to 2,433,478ML in 2015-16, a change of 12%³

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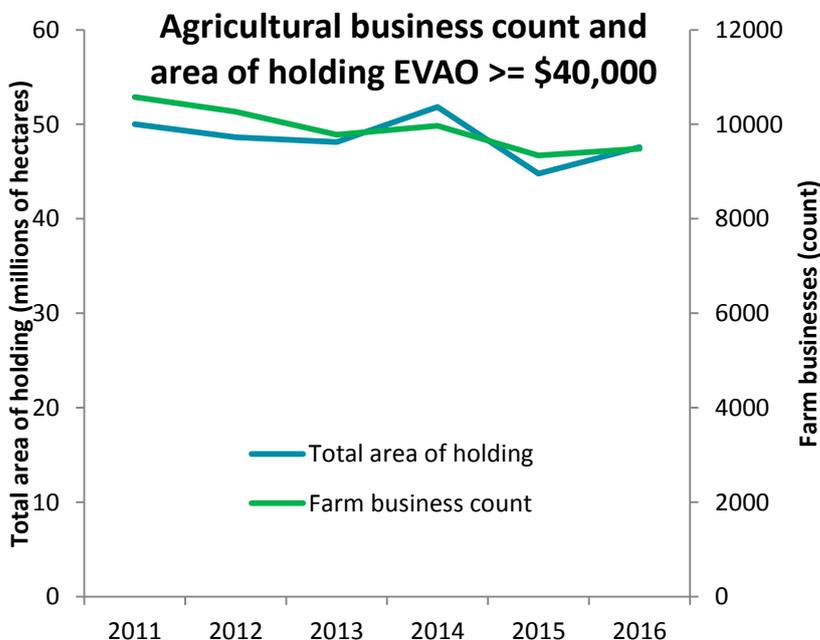
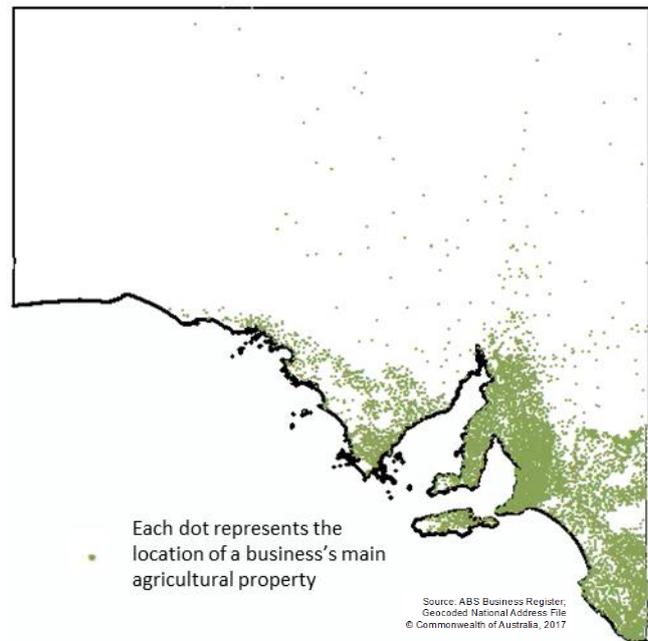
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South Australia

- Wine grape production in South Australia increased by 139,160 tonnes to 831,729 tonnes, or 20%, in 2015-16¹
- South Australia had 10.7m sheep and lambs at 30 June 2016, this was 16% of the national total¹
- Wheat production decreased by 820,576 tonnes to 3,679,342 tonnes, or 18%, in 2015-16¹
- The size of South Australia's beef cattle herd was 913,890 head at 30 June 2016, this was 4% of the national total¹

Main agricultural businesses



- South Australia accounted for 11% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²
- The gross value (GV) of South Australia's wine grape production increased by 37% to \$527.3m in 2015-16²
- The GV of South Australia's wheat crop declined by 28% to \$927.3m in 2015-16²
- Water applied for agriculture in South Australia increased from 680,151ML in 2014-15 to 777,769ML in 2015-16, a change of 14%³

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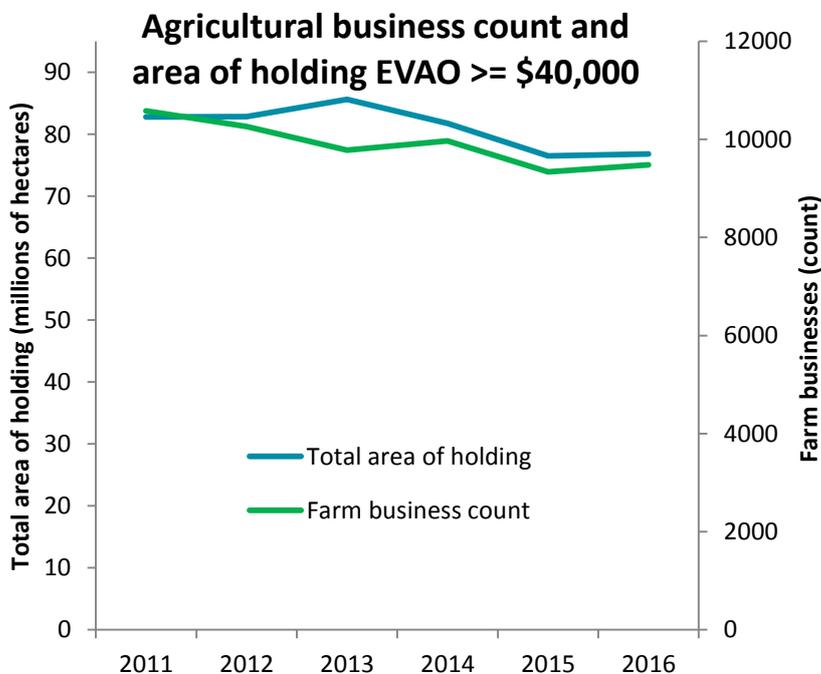
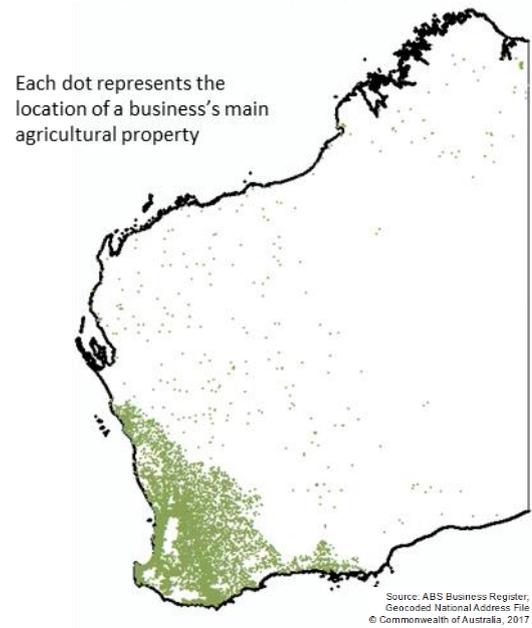
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Western Australia

- Wheat production in Western Australia declined by 264,635 tonnes in 2015-16 to 8,510,577 tonnes which equates to a decrease of 3%¹
- Canola production in Western Australia decreased by 308,169 tonnes to 1,327,849 tonnes, or 19%, in 2015-16¹
- The size of beef cattle herd was 1.9m head at 30 June 2016 which was 8% of the national total¹
- Western Australia had 13.9m sheep and lambs at 30 June 2016 which was 21% of the national total¹

Main agricultural properties



- Western Australia accounted for 15% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²
- The gross value (GV) of Western Australia's wheat crop decreased by 8% to \$2.5b in 2015-16²
- The GV of Western Australia's canola crop experienced a 15% fall to \$730m in 2015-16²
- Water applied for agriculture in Western Australia increased from 239,137ML in 2014-15 to 287,506ML in 2015-16, a change of 20%³

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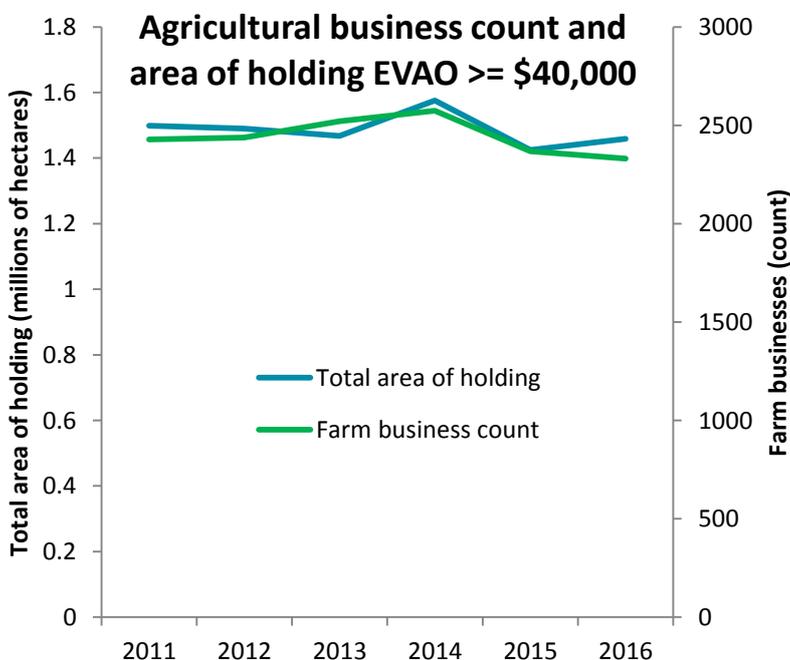
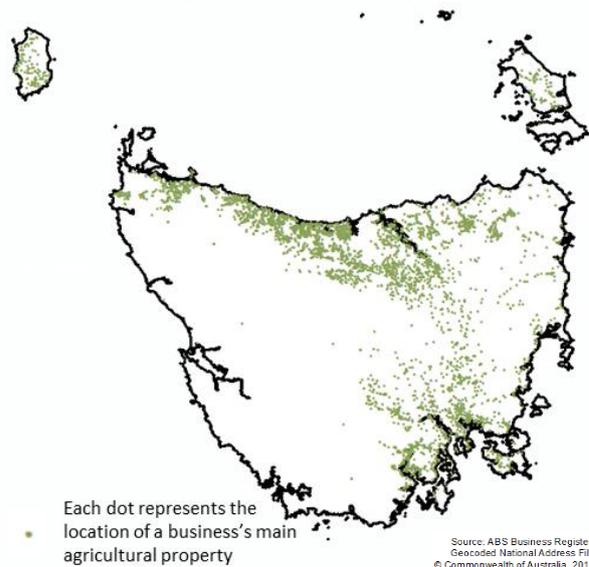
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Tasmania

- Tasmanian potato production decreased from 292,911 tonnes in 2014-15 to 251,439 tonnes in 2015-16, (-14%)¹
- The size of the dairy cattle herd was 262,628 head at 30 June 2016, 10% of the national total ¹
- At 30 June 2016 Tasmania had 385,857 head of beef cattle and 2.0m sheep and lambs, representing 2% and 3% of the national total respectively¹

Main agricultural properties



- Tasmania accounted for 3% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²
- The gross value (GV) of sheep and lamb slaughtered in Tasmania decreased by 14% to \$76.0m in 2015-16²
- The GV of cattle and calves slaughtered in Tasmania experienced a 27% increase to \$314.3m in 2015-16²
- Water applied for agriculture in Tasmania increased from 222,316ML in 2014-15 to 308,689ML in 2015-16, a change of 39%³

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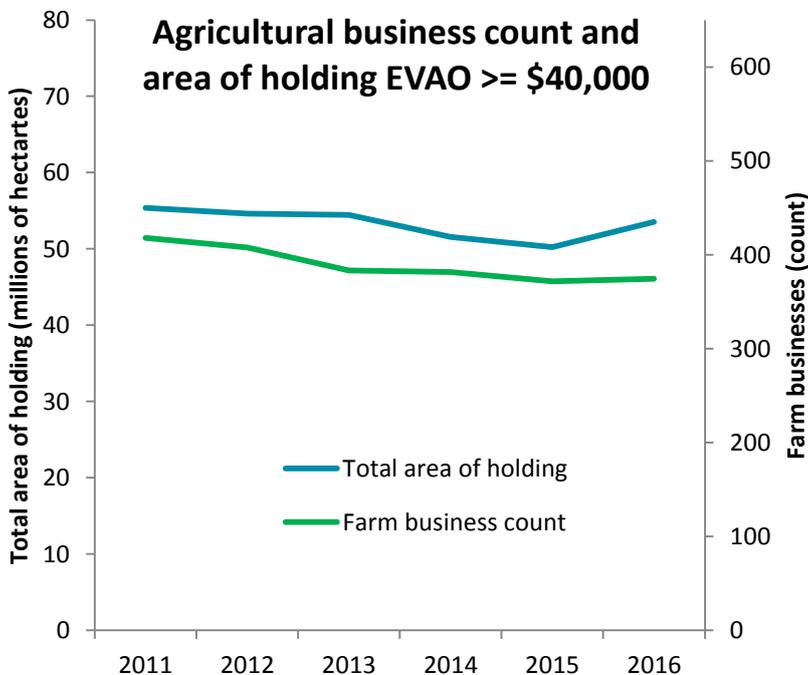
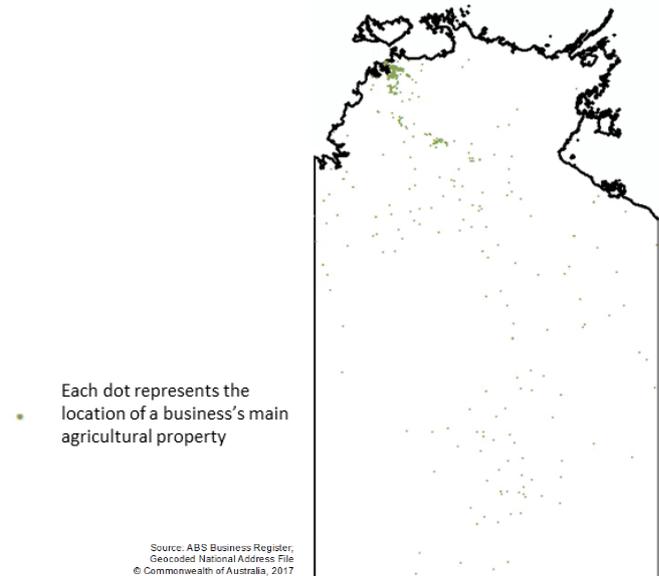
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Northern Territory

- The total number of beef cattle in the Northern Territory increased by 133,191 to 2,238,350 head or 6%, in 2015-16¹
- Mango production increased by 3.7m kilograms to 11,287,109 kg, or 48%, in 2015-16¹
- Farms in the Northern Territory accounted for 14% of Australia's total farm land in 2015-16¹
- The Northern Territory accounted for 1% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16²

Main agricultural properties



- The gross value (GV) of cattle and calves slaughtered in the Northern Territory decreased by 21% to \$568.7m in 2015-16²
- The GV of mangoes increased by 110% to \$31.7m in 2015-16²
- Water applied for agriculture in the Northern Territory decreased from 26,796ML in 2014-15 to 16,879ML in 2015-16, a change of -37%³

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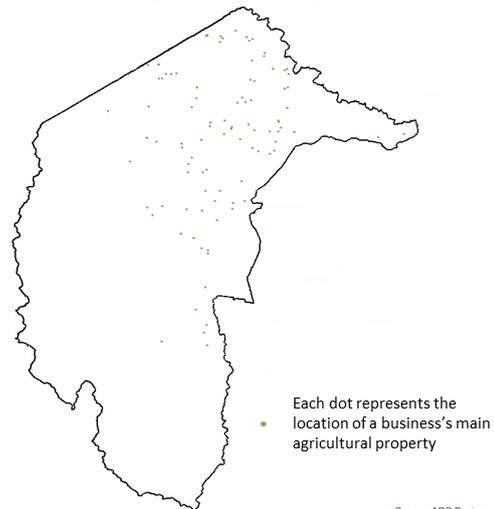
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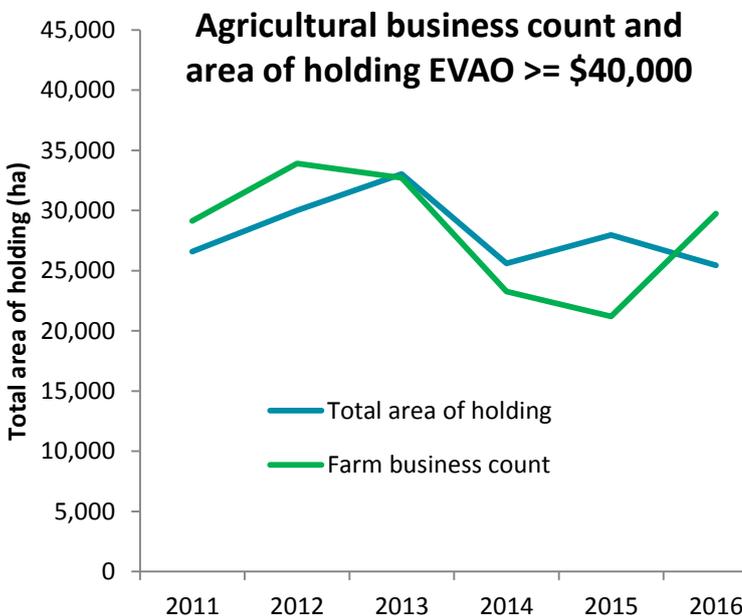
Australian Capital Territory

- Approximately 11% of the area of the Australian Capital Territory (25,448 ha) is managed by the 40 agricultural businesses operating in the region¹
- The number of beef cattle increased from 4,915 at 30 June 2015 to 5,974 at 30 June 2016, an increase of 22%¹
- The sheep and lamb flock remained largely steady with 45,069 head at 30 June 2016, a slight (2%) increase on the 2014-15 flock size¹

Main agricultural properties



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- In 2015-16 the Australian Capital Territory accounted for .01% of Australia's agricultural production by value in 2015-16 at \$8.3m²
- The gross value (GV) of cattle and calves slaughtered in the Australian Capital Territory increased from \$2.8m in 2014-15 to \$3.3m in 2015-16²
- Water applied for agriculture in the Australian Capital Territory increased from 62ML in 2014-15 to 97ML in 2015-16, a change of 56%³

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