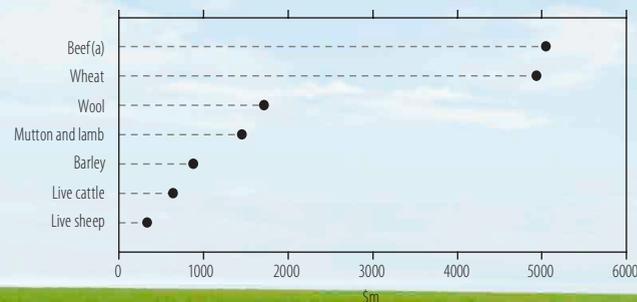


## EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

		2001	2006	2009
<b>Crops</b>				
Barley	Quantity '000 t	3,580	4,732	3,262
	Value \$m	876	904	889
Cotton lint	Quantity '000 t	846	657	262
	Value \$m	1,956	1,137	500
Wheat	Quantity '000 t	16,400	14,872	13,251
	Value \$m	4,135	3,212	4,936
<b>Livestock</b>				
Live cattle	Quantity '000	861	578	891
	Value \$m	498	404	646
Live sheep	Quantity '000	6,033	4,251	4,067
	Value \$m	264	297	340
<b>Livestock products</b>				
Beef(a)	Quantity '000 t	1,026	986	1,041
	Value \$m	4,127	4,539	5,049
Mutton and lamb	Quantity '000 t	319	306	325
	Value \$m	951	1,223	1,464
Wool (greasy)	Quantity '000 t	481	375	319
	Value \$m	2,259	1,816	1,719

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

## Exports of Selected Commodities—2009



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, July 2010

## IRRIGATION ACTIVITY

	2001	2006	2009
Agricultural businesses (no.)(a)	140,516	154,681	135,996
Agricultural businesses irrigating (no.)	39,863	44,826	39,940
Area of agricultural land ('000 ha)	455,723	434,925	409,029
Area irrigated ('000 ha)	2,603	2,546	1,761
Volume applied (ML)	na	10,737,364	6,500,577
Application rate (ML/ha)(b)	na	4.2	3.7

(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

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

## NOTES

The reference period for 2001, 2006 and 2009 was the year ending 30 June. The scope of the 2001 and 2006 Agricultural Censuses and the 2008-09 Agricultural Survey was agricultural businesses 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, 2008-09* (cat. no. 7503.0)

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# Australian Farming in Brief 2010



**NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY,  
BY INDUSTRY(a), 2009**

Agriculture	120,941
Nursery production (under cover plus outdoors)	1,029
Turf growing	283
Floriculture production (under cover plus outdoors)	611
Mushroom growing	86^
Vegetable growing (under cover plus outdoors)	4,403
Grape growing	5,926
Kiwi fruit growing	15^
Berry fruit growing	453
Apple and pear growing	725
Stone fruit growing	959
Citrus fruit growing	1,041
Olive growing	267^
Other fruit and tree nut growing	2,873
Sheep farming (specialised)	10,368
Beef cattle farming plus beef cattle feedlots (specialised)	39,425
Sheep-beef cattle farming	6,690
Grain-sheep or grain-beef cattle farming	13,778
Rice growing	105*
Other grain growing	13,110
Sugar cane growing	3,762
Cotton growing	276
Other crop growing n.e.c.	1,921
Dairy cattle farming	7,749
Poultry farming (meat)	765
Poultry farming (eggs)	309
Deer farming	91**
Horse farming	2,231
Pig farming	682
Beekeeping	263^
Other livestock farming n.e.c.	743^
<i>All other industries</i>	<i>15,055</i>
<b>Total all industries</b>	<b>135,996</b>

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

**LAND USE ON FARMS**

		2001	2006	2009
Number of agricultural businesses engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	140,516	154,472	135,996
Total area of agricultural businesses	000 ha	455,723	434,925	409,029
Area of crops(b)	'000 ha	24,520	24,565	27,511

**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	2009
Milk cattle	'000	3,217	2,788	2,612
Meat cattle	'000	24,504	25,605	25,294
Sheep and lambs	'000	110,928	91,028	72,740
Pigs	'000	2,748	2,733	2,302
Chickens for meat	'000	77,231	78,448	82,805
Chickens for eggs	'000	14,276	15,936	12,604

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS,  
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE**

Livestock slaughterings		2001	2006	2009
Cattle	'000	7,941	7,580	7,890
Calves	'000	1,038	821	812
Sheep	'000	16,628	11,830	11,282
Lambs	'000	18,629	18,666	20,767
Pigs	'000	5,016	5,370	4,522
Chickens(a)	'000	398,869	437,865	474,810

**Meat production (carcass weight)**

Beef	'000 t	2,086	2,050	2,120
Veal	'000 t	33	28	28
Mutton	'000 t	348	244	235
Lamb	'000 t	367	382	423
Pig meat	'000 t	365	389	324
Chicken meat (dressed wt)(a)	'000 t	619	773	832

**Wool receivals** '000 t 590 473 371

**Whole milk factory intake** ML 10,545 10,089 9,388

(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

**MAJOR CROPS**

Crops for grain			2001	2006	2009
Barley	Production	'000 t	6,743	9,482	7,997
	Area	'000 ha	3,454	4,406	5,015
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1,935	1,932	2,692
	Area	'000 ha	758	767	767
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1,055	1,285	708
	Area	'000 ha	1,180	809	577
Oats	Production	'000 t	1,050	1,688	1,160
	Area	'000 ha	650	930	870
Rice	Production	'000 t	1,643	1,003	61^
	Area	'000 ha	177	102	7^
Wheat	Production	'000 t	22,108	25,150	21,420
	Area	'000 ha	12,141	12,443	13,530

**Other crops**

Canola	Production	'000 t	1,775	1,419	1,844
	Area	'000 ha	1,459	972	1,693
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	666	560	309
	Area	'000 ha	536	327	159
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	28,117	37,128	31,457
	Area	'000 ha	403	398	391

**Fruit**

Apples	Production	'000 t	325	276	295
	Trees(a)	'000	6,455	8,833	7,642
Bananas	Production	'000 t	358	187	270
	Bearing area	'000 ha	11	11	12
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	37	36	41
	Trees(a)	'000	1,017	1,437	1,342
Oranges	Production	'000 t	550	507	348
	Trees(a)	'000	6,669	6,553	6,759
Pears (inc. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	173	142	120
	Trees(a)	'000	1,785	1,776	1,643

**Vegetables**

Carrots	Production	'000 t	321	265	264
	Area	'000 ha	8	6	5
Onions	Production	'000 t	222	222	284
	Area	'000 ha	5	5	5
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1,302	1,250	1,179
	Area	'000 ha	40	35	33
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	556	450	440
	Area	'000 ha	10	8	7

(a) Trees of bearing age.

**GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED**

Crops	2001	2006	2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Cereals for grain	7,494	7,594	9,008
Cotton	1,305	933	651
Crops and pastures for hay	918	1,451	1,620
Legumes for grain	583	658	623
Grapes	1,517	1,377	1,213
Nurseries, cut flowers and cultivated turf	795	1,418	1,295
Oilseeds	595	528	1,099
Sugar cane cut for crushing	657	1,032	1,021
Vegetables	2,183	2,833	3,012
<b>Total crops</b>	<b>18,534</b>	<b>20,752</b>	<b>22,857</b>

**Livestock slaughterings and other disposals**

Cattle and calves	6,431	7,685	7,452
Sheep and lambs(a)	1,402	2,112	2,492
Pigs	822	890	895
Poultry	1,060	1,223	1,862
Other livestock	23	50	52

**Total livestock slaughterings  
and other disposals**

**9,738 11,960 12,752**

**Livestock products**

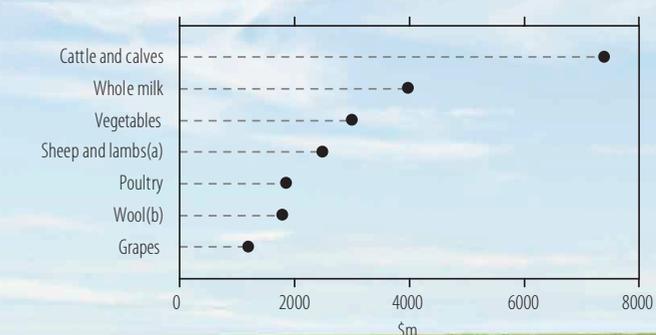
Wool(b)	2,541	2,054	1,806
Whole milk	3,053	3,341	3,988
Eggs	333	376	447

**Total livestock products 5,965 5,771 6,240**

**Total agriculture 34,237 38,482 41,849**

(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**


(a) Excludes value of wool on skins.

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