



Australian Farming in Brief

2006



LAND USE ON FARMS

		1995	2000	2005
Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity(a)	'000	147.1	146.4	129.9
Total area of establishments	m ha	463.3	455.5	445.1
Area of crops	m ha	17.0	23.8	26.7
Total area of Australia	m ha	769.2	769.2	769.2

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

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

	1995	2000	2005
Plant nurseries	1 929	2 496	1 884
Cut flower and flower seed growing	872	1 134	778
Vegetable growing	4 724	5 313	4 090
Grape growing	4 406	6 522	6 385
Apple and pear growing	1 299	1 229	912
Stone fruit growing	1 410	1 257	1 224
Kiwi fruit growing	49	*20	*50
Fruit growing n.e.c.	5 214	5 794	4 764
Grain growing	10 905	16 463	12 719
Grain–sheep/beef cattle farming	18 246	18 232	17 195
Sheep–beef cattle farming	11 999	9 253	8 309
Sheep farming	16 234	14 302	12 956
Beef cattle farming	36 092	35 236	35 979
Dairy cattle farming	14 175	13 820	9 881
Poultry farming (meat)	721	845	666
Poultry farming (eggs)	526	508	^423
Pig farming	1 531	1 145	882
Horse farming	1 647	2 021	1 819
Deer farming	399	^196	^101
Livestock farming n.e.c.	2 640	^1 158	^593
Sugar cane growing	5 090	5 029	4 563
Cotton growing	824	974	621
Crop and plant growing n.e.c.	2 568	1 614	1 721
<i>Total agricultural industries</i>	<i>143 500</i>	<i>144 560</i>	<i>128 516</i>
<i>All other industries</i>	<i>3 612</i>	<i>1 811</i>	<i>1 418</i>
Total all industries	147 112	146 371	129 934

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

ESTABLISHMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY, BY ESTIMATED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS(a)

	1995	2000	2005
\$0-\$22,499	31 750	28 357	20 332
\$22,500-\$49,999	25 082	22 470	17 928
\$50,000-\$99,999	27 924	25 201	20 221
\$100,000-\$149,999	18 882	16 951	13 438
\$150,000-\$199,999	12 643	12 175	9 904
\$200,000-\$349,999	17 522	19 872	20 011
\$350,000-\$499,999	6 175	8 634	9 866
\$500,000-\$999,999	5 110	8 896	11 742
\$1,000,000-\$1,999,999	1 408	2 639	4 659
\$2,000,000 and more	616	1 177	1 833
Total	147 112	146 371	129 934

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

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

	1995	2000	2005
	'000	'000	'000
Milk cattle	2 741	3 140	3 056
Meat cattle	22 991	24 448	24 725
Sheep and lambs	120 862	118 552	101 125
Pigs	2 653	2 511	2 538
Chickens for meat(a)(b)	54 445	72 912	62 289
Chickens for eggs(b)	11 148	12 016	13 175

(a) Data for 1995 and 2000 exclude Tas. data.

(b) Data for 1995 do not include breeding stock.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTS, YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

		1995	2000	2005
Livestock slaughterings				
Cattle	'000	7 220	7 520	7 986
Calves	'000	1 048	1 122	868
Sheep	'000	17 500	15 857	11 443
Lambs	'000	15 289	17 557	17 331
Pigs	'000	5 120	5 025	5 339
Chickens(a)	'000	330 495	393 992	437 641
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1 766	1 952	2 133
Veal	'000 t	38	36	29
Mutton	'000 t	354	333	237
Lamb	'000 t	268	347	354
Pig meat	'000 t	351	363	388
Chicken meat (dressed weight)(a)	'000 t	467	598	750
Wool receivals	'000 t	679	642	475
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	8 206	10 847	10 125
Eggs	'000 dozen	(b)126 287	182 179	202 653

(a) Excludes Tas., NT and ACT.

(b) Year ended 31 March.

MAJOR CROPS

			1995	2000	2005
Crops for grain					
Barley	Production	'000 t	2 913	5 032	7 740
	Area	'000 ha	2 470	2 596	4 646
Grain sorghum	Production	'000 t	1 273	2 116	2 011
	Area	'000 ha	687	622	755
Lupins	Production	'000 t	1 076	1 968	937
	Area	'000 ha	1 407	1 347	845
Oats	Production	'000 t	925	1 118	1 283
	Area	'000 ha	897	584	894
Rice	Production	'000 t	1 016	1 084	339
	Area	'000 ha	119	131	51
Wheat	Production	'000 t	8 961	24 757	21 905
	Area	'000 ha	7 891	12 168	13 399
Crops for hay					
Cereals	Production	'000 t	967	1 429	2 002
	Area	'000 ha	349	357	579
Non-cereal crops	Production	'000 t	7	159	131
	Area	'000 ha	3	47	39
Other crops					
Canola	Production	'000 t	264	2 460	1 542
	Area	'000 ha	356	1 911	1 377
Cotton lint	Production	'000 t	317	698	563
	Area	'000 ha	245	435	304
Sugar cane for crushing	Production	'000 t	32 971	38 165	37 822
	Area	'000 ha	363	428	434
Fruit					
Apples	Production	'000 t	317	320	327
	Trees(a)	'000	5 101	6 116	9 163
Bananas	Production	'000 t	208	257	266
	Bearing area	'000 ha	8	12	10
Grapes	Production	'000 t	770	1 311	2 026
	Bearing area	'000 ha	63	110	153
Mangoes	Production	'000 t	30	38	47
	Trees(a)	'000	515	971	1 200
Oranges	Production	'000 t	517	510	498
	Trees(a)	'000	6 297	6 945	7 434
Pears (excl. Nashi)	Production	'000 t	152	156	148
	Trees(a)	'000	1 317	1 401	1 439
Vegetables					
Carrots	Production	'000 t	239	283	316
	Area	'000 ha	7	7	7
Onions, white and brown	Production	'000 t	200	247	256
	Area	'000 ha	5	5	6
Potatoes	Production	'000 t	1 122	1 200	1 288
	Area	'000 ha	38	37	37
Tomatoes	Production	'000 t	340	414	408
	Area	'000 ha	9	8	8

(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 2005 figure refers to trees four years and over while the 1995 and 2000 figures refer to trees six years and over.

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED

	1995	2000	2005p
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Crops			
Cereals for grain	3 495.5	6 564.8	6 475.3
Cotton	851.2	1 415.4	^ 872.6
Crops for hay	158.1	170.6	^ 384.1
Legumes for grain	322.1	615.9	441.4
Fruit and nuts (excl. grapes)	1 426.4	1 761.1	2 359.1
Grapes	511.0	1 118.2	1 509.7
Nursery production	380.7	708.0	(a)800.8
Oilseeds	159.2	871.8	(a)745.9
Sugar cane cut for crushing	1 207.7	881.9	997.7
Vegetables	1 491.6	1 861.9	2 200.2
Pastures and grasses	641.5	606.6	953.8
All other crops n.e.i.	486.7	346.3	106.7
<i>Total crops</i>	<i>11 131.7</i>	<i>16 922.5</i>	<i>17 847.3</i>
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals			
Cattle and calves	4 213.5	5 048.3	7 828.8
Sheep and lambs(b)	836.8	1 053.8	1 949.0
Pigs	(c)630.6	791.7	905.6
Poultry	(c)902.0	1 030.8	1 303.7
Other livestock	35.9	19.5	43.2
<i>Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals</i>	<i>(d)6 618.8</i>	<i>7 944.1</i>	<i>12 030.3</i>
Livestock products			
Wool(e)	3 319.3	2 149.2	2 195.5
Whole milk	(f)2 419.1	2 845.2	3 194.0
Eggs	(f)230.6	313.1	334.9
Honey	24.6	36.0	(g)
Beeswax	1.5	1.8	(g)
<i>Total livestock products</i>	<i>5 995.0</i>	<i>5 345.4</i>	<i>12 030.3</i>
Total agriculture	23 754.8	30 212.0	36 562.0

(a) Estimates for 2005 for these commodities cannot be produced at the preliminary stage. The 2004 values have been used.

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.

(c) Excludes Tas. and NT; Tas. data included in 'Total livestock slaughterings and other disposals'; NT data included in 'Total agriculture'.

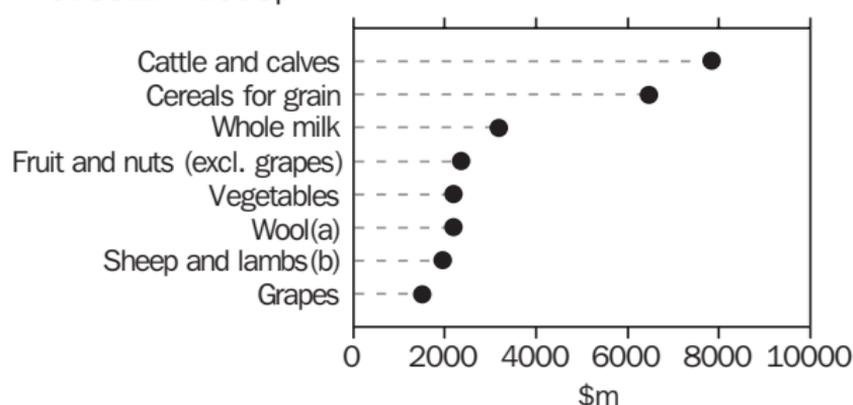
(d) Excludes pigs and poultry in the NT; these are included in 'Total agriculture'.

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

(f) Excludes NT; NT included in 'Total agriculture'.

(g) Data not collected in 2005.

GROSS VALUE OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED—2005p



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

(b) Excludes value of wool on skins.

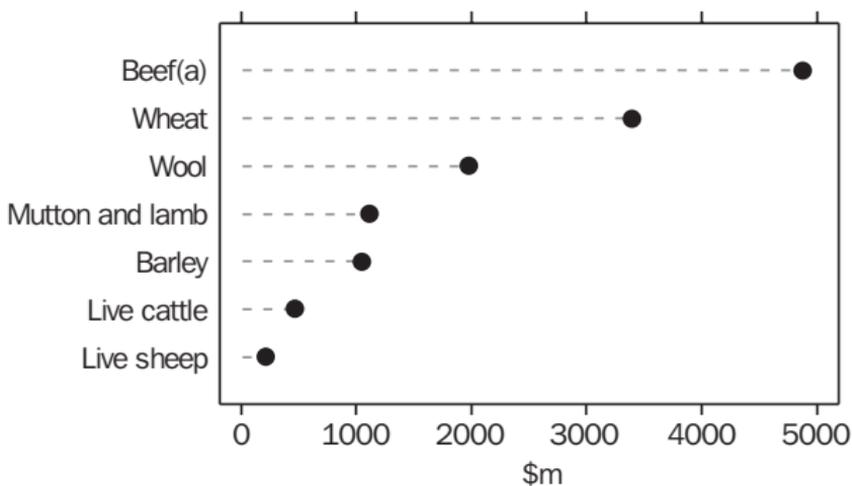
EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

		1995	2000	2005
Crops				
Barley				
Quantity	'000 t	2 030	3 283	5 879
Value	\$m	296	646	1 045
Rice				
Quantity	'000 t	505	644	69
Value	\$m	286	379	52
Wheat				
Quantity	'000 t	7 856	17 083	15 441
Value	\$m	1 618	3 413	3 396
Livestock				
Live cattle				
Quantity	'000	402	854	624
Value	\$m	216	440	464
Live sheep				
Quantity	'000	5 700	4 948	3 236
Value	\$m	185	185	210
Livestock products				
Beef(a)				
Quantity	'000 t	786	871	1 009
Value	\$m	2 853	3 189	4 879
Mutton and lamb				
Quantity	'000 t	222	274	272
Value	\$m	498	706	1 118
Wool (greasy)				
Quantity	'000 t	473	459	373
Value	\$m	2 560	1 787	1 974

(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, June 2006.

EXPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES—2005



(a) Includes veal and buffalo meat.

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service, June 2006.

AREA OF PASTURES AND CROPS IRRIGATED

	1995	2000	2005
	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha
Pastures (native or sown)	346	925	1 026
Cereals	69	380	361
Vegetables for human consumption	167	99	109
Fruit (including grapevines and nuts)	1 040	210	269
All other crops	199	703	640
Total area irrigated	1 822	2 317	2 405

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	p	preliminary figure or series subject to revision
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	t	tonnes
EVAO	estimated value of agricultural operations	Tas.	Tasmania
excl.	Excluding	'000	thousands
ha	hectares	\$m	million dollars
m	million	^	relative standard error (RSE) between 10% and 25%
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified	*	RSE between 25% and 50%
n.e.i.	not elsewhere included	**	RSE is above 50% and is not published
NT	Northern Territory		

NOTES

The reference period for 2005 and 2000 were the year ending 30 June. In 1995, commodity statistics relating to crop production, livestock numbers and number of establishments were collected as of 31 March.

The scope of the 1994–95 Agricultural Census and the 1999–00 and 2004–05 Agricultural Surveys was establishments having an EVAO of \$5,000 or more.

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