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## New South Wales (Preliminary)

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Preliminary results from the agricultural census for the 1995–96 season show improved conditions for agricultural production in New South Wales resulting in significantly larger cereal crops.

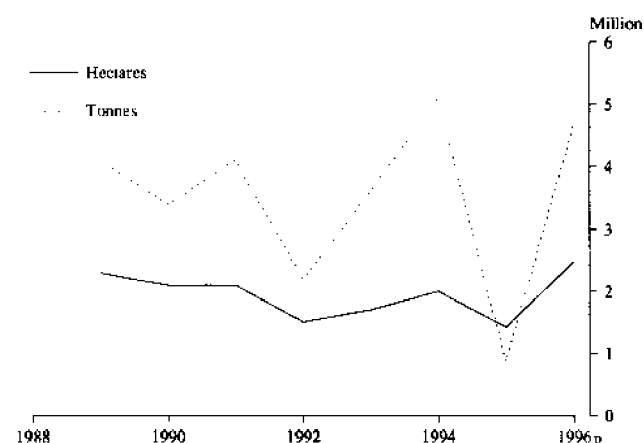
### CROPS

In terms of area, the two main cereal crops grown for grain were wheat and barley. In the year ended 31 March 1996, the area sown to wheat for grain increased from just under 1.5 million hectares to nearly 2.5 million hectares, a rise of 73.9%.

Production of wheat increased significantly, by 432.9% from the previous season to just under 4.7 million tonnes. Wheat for grain was sown in all Statistical Divisions (SDs), the major contributors to production being North Western, Northern and Murrumbidgee which together accounted for 64.9% of the State's production (see table 1).

Preliminary figures show intended wheat sowings for 1996–97 have increased from actual sowings for 1995–96. Farmers intend to sow just over 3.0 million hectares in 1996–97, a rise of 21.5% (see table 5).

#### WHEAT, YEARS ENDED 31 MARCH



The area sown to barley for grain increased by 53.9% from the previous season to 630,500 hectares. As with wheat, production increased significantly, by 293.8% to just over 1.1 million tonnes. Barley for grain was sown in all SDs except Illawarra, the major contributors to production being Northern, Murrumbidgee and Central West which together accounted for 69.3% of the State's production (see table 1).

### HORTICULTURE

During the 1995–96 season, total orange production fell to 174,900 tonnes, a decrease of 16.7% from 1994–95; however, at 31 March 1996, the number of trees six years and over increased by 4.7% to over 3.1 million. The major SDs in terms of tree numbers and production were Murrumbidgee and Murray, with Murrumbidgee accounting for 63.6% of the State's production (see table 6).

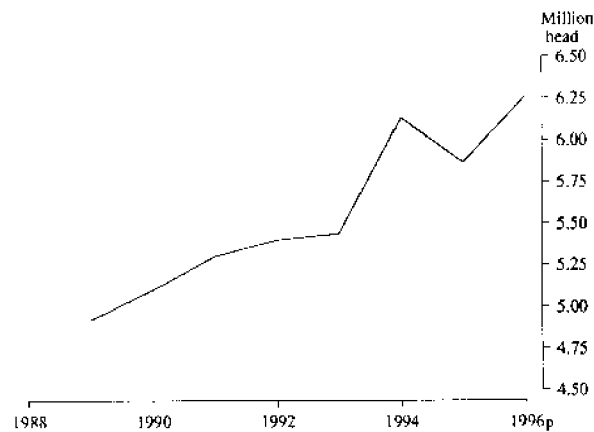
The number of apple trees six years and over at 31 March 1996 was 1.3 million, an increase of 3.4% from 31 March 1995. In terms of tree numbers six years and over, the major apple growing areas in NSW were Central West and Murrumbidgee. These SDs accounted for 86.4% of the State's trees (see table 6).

## LIVESTOCK

The meat cattle herd was just under 6.3 million at 31 March 1996, an increase of 6.8% from the previous season. The major SDs in terms of numbers were Northern and North Western with 28.8% and 12.7%, respectively, of the State's meat cattle (see table 9).

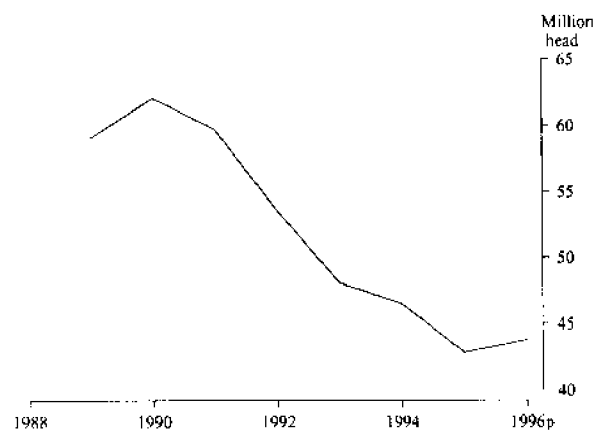
The milk cattle herd increased to 395,700 at 31 March 1996, a rise of 7.1% from the previous season. The major SDs in terms of numbers were still Mid-North Coast and Hunter which together accounted for 35.4% of the State's milk cattle (see table 10).

### MEAT CATTLE, AT 31 MARCH



Sheep and lamb numbers remained virtually unchanged at 43.8 million at 31 March 1996. The major SDs in terms of sheep and lamb numbers were North Western and Central West which together accounted for 36.3% of the State's flock (see table 11). The number of lambs marked increased by 10.7% to 14.6 million (see table 12).

### SHEEP AND LAMBS, AT 31 MARCH



# CROPS

## 1

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF CEREALS FOR GRAIN BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Barley		Grain sorghum		Oats	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Sydney	—	—	—	n.y.a.	0.1	0.2
Hunter	6.7	14.4	13.2	n.y.a.	3.9	3.8
Illawarra	—	—	—	n.y.a.	—	—
Richmond-Tweed	0.8	0.6	—	n.y.a.	0.1	0.1
Mid-North Coast	0.1	0.2	—	n.y.a.	—	—
Northern	180.4	303.0	146.5	n.y.a.	40.9	41.9
North Western	105.5	149.4	16.0	n.y.a.	118.9	113.9
Central West	130.4	245.6	1.3	n.y.a.	190.7	259.9
South Eastern	2.9	7.7	0.1	n.y.a.	35.3	65.8
Murrumbidgee	113.1	247.3	1.8	n.y.a.	105.9	177.3
Murray	90.2	177.4	0.4	n.y.a.	60.1	115.9
Far West	0.5	2.4	—	n.y.a.	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>630.5</b>	<b>1 148.0</b>	<b>179.3</b>	<b>n.y.a.</b>	<b>555.9</b>	<b>778.8</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>409.8</b>	<b>291.5</b>	<b>160.7</b>	<b>346.6</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>197.3</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>623.0</b>	<b>1 357.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>228.3</b>	<b>369.0</b>	<b>617.8</b>

Statistical division	Rice		Triticale		Wheat	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Sydney	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.6
Hunter	—	—	—	0.1	20.1	47.8
Illawarra	—	—	0.1	0.6	—	0.1
Richmond-Tweed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mid-North Coast	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.2
Northern	—	—	0.9	1.4	576.5	1 006.0
North Western	—	—	2.2	2.3	741.4	1 069.8
Central West	—	—	10.7	26.9	450.7	827.0
South Eastern	—	—	13.3	42.5	44.1	162.4
Murrumbidgee	66.6	491.5	33.4	91.7	346.9	951.0
Murray	73.1	507.7	16.6	43.8	295.5	593.1
Far West	—	—	—	—	0.9	2.2
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>139.7</b>	<b>999.2</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>209.2</b>	<b>2 476.5</b>	<b>4 660.5</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>1 015.8</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>1 423.8</b>	<b>874.6</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>124.6</b>	<b>1 042.1</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>1 977.7</b>	<b>5 086.1</b>

## 2

## AREA AND PRODUCTION OF LEGUMES FOR GRAIN BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Chick peas		Field peas		Faba beans	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Sydney	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hunter	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1
Illawarra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Richmond-Tweed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mid-North Coast	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	24.2	23.9	1.0	0.2	7.1	6.6
North Western	8.4	8.7	1.3	0.4	3.7	3.2
Central West	2.8	2.1	3.2	3.2	—	—
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Murrumbidgee	0.5	0.4	6.0	8.3	0.5	2.1
Murray	0.6	0.7	6.7	6.7	0.4	0.8
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>21.8</b>

Statistical division	Lupins	
	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t
Sydney	—	—
Hunter	0.1	0.1
Illawarra	—	—
Richmond-Tweed	—	—
Mid-North Coast	—	—
Northern	0.3	0.1
North Western	4.4	2.9
Central West	18.3	16.8
South Eastern	6.6	14.7
Murrumbidgee	44.7	53.0
Murray	22.7	33.8
Far West	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>		
<b>1996p</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>121.4</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>156.0</b>

## 3

## AREA AND PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Canola		Safflower		Sunflower	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t	'000 ha	'000 t
Sydney	—	—	—	—	—	n.y.a.
Hunter	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	3.1	n.y.a.
Illawarra	—	—	—	—	—	n.y.a.
Richmond-Tweed	—	0.1	—	—	—	n.y.a.
Mid-North Coast	0.1	—	—	—	—	n.y.a.
Northern	6.9	5.5	3.0	1.3	25.5	n.y.a.
North Western	8.4	9.2	2.7	1.2	2.4	n.y.a.
Central West	55.2	75.1	—	—	0.4	n.y.a.
South Eastern	11.4	21.0	—	—	—	n.y.a.
Murrumbidgee	77.0	134.1	1.7	1.2	1.6	n.y.a.
Murray	21.1	36.6	2.0	1.3	0.6	n.y.a.
Far West	—	—	—	—	0.5	n.y.a.
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>281.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>n.y.a.</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>152.9</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>53.9</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>192.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>47.5</b>

## 4

## AREA AND PRODUCTION OF SUGAR CANE BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Sugar cane (cut for crushing)	
	Area	Production
	'000 ha	'000 t
Sydney	—	—
Hunter	—	—
Illawarra	—	—
Richmond-Tweed	13.5	1 428.0
Mid-North Coast	5.7	648.5
Northern	—	—
North Western	—	—
Central West	—	—
South Eastern	—	—
Murrumbidgee	—	—
Murray	—	—
Far West	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>		
<b>1996p</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>2 076.5</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>1 825.4</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>1 674.2</b>



## 5

## CEREALS FORECAST FOR ALL PURPOSES BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEARS ENDED 31 MARCH 1996 AND 1997

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Barley</i>			<i>Oats</i>		
	<i>Intended sowings 1996</i>	<i>Actual sowings 1996p</i>	<i>Intended sowings 1997p</i>	<i>Intended sowings 1996</i>	<i>Actual sowings 1996p</i>	<i>Intended sowings 1997p</i>
	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha
Sydney	0.1	—	—	0.5	0.3	0.7
Hunter	4.8	6.7	5.3	10.0	4.9	9.0
Illawarra	—	—	—	0.3	0.1	0.5
Richmond-Tweed	0.8	0.8	1.5	0.9	0.1	0.7
Mid-North Coast	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.6
Northern	162.0	180.4	171.8	94.2	45.8	89.5
North Western	96.6	105.5	110.5	146.4	126.9	142.0
Central West	112.0	130.4	154.7	214.2	214.4	181.8
South Eastern	4.2	2.9	3.2	34.8	39.6	28.3
Murrumbidgee	113.2	113.1	125.9	122.4	127.2	81.5
Murray	73.2	90.2	102.2	71.7	77.4	51.2
Far West	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.1	—	0.1
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>568.6</b>	<b>630.5</b>	<b>676.4</b>	<b>696.2</b>	<b>636.9</b>	<b>585.9</b>

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Wheat</i>		
	<i>Intended sowings 1996</i>	<i>Actual sowings 1996p</i>	<i>Intended sowings 1997p</i>
	'000 ha	'000 ha	'000 ha
Sydney	0.1	0.2	0.3
Hunter	15.3	20.5	25.7
Illawarra	0.3	—	0.1
Richmond-Tweed	0.1	—	0.1
Mid-North Coast	—	0.1	0.5
Northern	445.8	582.0	696.9
North Western	573.1	746.7	878.5
Central West	367.2	455.4	583.4
South Eastern	40.4	44.7	57.9
Murrumbidgee	310.1	351.3	444.4
Murray	225.5	297.6	347.8
Far West	1.1	0.9	0.9
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>1 979.0</b>	<b>2 499.7</b>	<b>3 036.6</b>

# HORTICULTURE

## 6

NUMBER OF TREES AND PRODUCTION OF CITRUS AND POME FRUIT BY STATISTICAL DIVISION,  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Lemons and limes		Mandarins		Oranges	
	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production
	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes
Sydney	84.8	2 687.9	15.3	522.7	318.5	11 015.8
Hunter	0.6	8.8	6.8	219.7	10.4	317.5
Illawarra	—	—	—	—	1.3	8.0
Richmond-Tweed	5.1	80.8	6.8	256.5	1.1	11.6
Mid-North Coast	0.9	42.3	2.0	45.8	12.5	798.9
Northern	—	1.9	2.2	86.7	1.7	104.9
North Western	12.0	151.7	2.2	183.9	53.6	4 242.7
Central West	—	—	0.1	7.5	2.9	124.6
South Eastern	—	0.7	—	1.4	—	—
Murrumbidgee	18.0	1 494.2	19.0	760.4	1 993.5	111 326.3
Murray	16.2	895.9	50.2	2 216.4	762.8	46 864.7
Far West	—	—	0.2	7.6	0.5	112.4
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>5 364.3</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>4 308.8</b>	<b>3 158.8</b>	<b>174 927.4</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>136.0</b>	<b>6 228.9</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>4 238.5</b>	<b>3 018.3</b>	<b>209 959.7</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>130.2</b>	<b>6 170.0</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>4 386.8</b>	<b>3 248.4</b>	<b>242 542.9</b>

Statistical division	Apples		Nashi		Pears (excluding nashi)	
	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production
	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes
Sydney	49.0	n.y.a.	0.9	n.y.a.	1.0	n.y.a.
Hunter	0.2	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
Illawarra	12.0	n.y.a.	0.9	n.y.a.	1.1	n.y.a.
Richmond-Tweed	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
Mid-North Coast	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
Northern	35.6	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	3.0	n.y.a.
North Western	3.8	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	0.2	n.y.a.
Central West	622.8	n.y.a.	0.9	n.y.a.	46.9	n.y.a.
South Eastern	22.4	n.y.a.	18.4	n.y.a.	1.6	n.y.a.
Murrumbidgee	507.9	n.y.a.	0.4	n.y.a.	10.4	n.y.a.
Murray	55.2	n.y.a.	0.2	n.y.a.	1.5	n.y.a.
Far West	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.	—	n.y.a.
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>1 308.9</b>	<b>n.y.a.</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>n.y.a.</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>n.y.a.</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>1 266.5</b>	<b>79 069.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>391.1</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>2 774.1</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>1 221.1</b>	<b>63 294.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>279.1</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>3 441.1</b>

NUMBER OF TREES, AREA AND PRODUCTION OF STONE AND OTHER FRUIT BY STATISTICAL DIVISION,  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Apricots		Nectarines		Peaches	
	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Trees 6 years and over	Production
	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes	'000	tonnes
Sydney	0.7	10.8	n.p.	n.p.	125.0	3 293.3
Hunter	—	0.6	2.5	21.6	6.5	68.4
Illawarra	—	0.3	5.3	47.5	13.6	187.8
Richmond-Tweed	n.p.	n.p.	28.0	699.8	n.p.	n.p.
Mid-North Coast	—	—	5.4	52.0	6.5	157.1
Northern	0.7	2.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
North Western	n.p.	n.p.	6.4	167.5	16.5	530.2
Central West	0.7	9.7	48.3	786.1	76.9	1 505.6
South Eastern	1.8	24.9	29.9	714.2	45.7	1 869.9
Murrumbidgee	13.9	285.6	118.4	2 697.9	134.4	7 342.2
Murray	6.2	139.1	4.2	119.7	9.2	399.7
Far West	0.7	15.0	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>n.p.</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>793.5</b>	<b>251.1</b>	<b>5 700.2</b>	<b>394.0</b>	<b>11 907.8</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>670.5</b>	<b>207.7</b>	<b>5 115.7</b>	<b>464.6</b>	<b>12 712.1</b>

Statistical division	Plums and prunes		Bananas		Strawberries	
	Trees 6 years and over	Production	Area of bearing age	Production	Area of bearing age	Production
	'000	tonnes	ha	tonnes	ha	tonnes
Sydney	31.3	612.7	—	—	15.7	123.8
Hunter	1.1	12.2	4.3	39.1	0.8	5.5
Illawarra	2.2	10.9	—	—	7.0	54.1
Richmond-Tweed	0.2	5.8	1 462.2	19 159.3	5.5	20.9
Mid-North Coast	0.1	2.0	1 677.1	24 207.4	0.4	7.3
Northern	3.2	32.1	—	—	4.1	4.1
North Western	3.3	64.2	—	—	5.5	4.6
Central West	38.5	590.4	—	—	2.0	15.0
South Eastern	212.4	4 843.0	—	—	1.3	2.0
Murrumbidgee	87.8	2 993.6	—	—	2.8	2.7
Murray	4.3	75.7	—	—	1.4	1.8
Far West	—	1.5	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>384.4</b>	<b>9 244.2</b>	<b>3 143.6</b>	<b>43 405.8</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>241.9</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>371.5</b>	<b>8 152.3</b>	<b>2 861.0</b>	<b>41 906.2</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>191.1</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>363.1</b>	<b>13 093.5</b>	<b>2 992.4</b>	<b>44 704.0</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>237.6</b>

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF SELECTED VEGETABLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, YEARS ENDED  
31 MARCH 1994 TO 1996

	Unit	1994	1995	1996p
<b>Beans — French and runner</b>				
Area	ha	424.7	414.9	653.7
Production	t	1 198.3	1 245.3	2 102.2
<b>Broccoli</b>				
Area	ha	310.6	408.3	935.2
Production	t	1 444.1	2 159.0	4 523.6
<b>Cabbages</b>				
Area	ha	484.4	431.1	449.6
Production	t	14 675.0	12 534.6	11 583.5
<b>Carrots</b>				
Area	ha	666.6	1 448.2	1 271.5
Production	t	16 457.9	26 137.4	25 569.4
<b>Cauliflowers</b>				
Area	ha	539.3	535.2	589.6
Production	t	12 851.7	10 524.2	11 725.1
<b>Green peas (pod weight) <sup>1</sup></b>				
Area	ha	715.0	752.7	1 251.2
Production	t	3 194.0	2 374.4	11 963.7
<b>Melons — water</b>				
Area	ha	509.5	329.3	378.0
Production	t	13 935.1	5 147.9	5 418.4
<b>Melons — rock and cantaloupe</b>				
Area	ha	872.0	538.9	659.9
Production	t	18 932.7	11 640.9	11 359.2
<b>Mushrooms</b>				
Area	ha	59.8	57.9	55.1
Production	t	10 740.1	12 508.3	14 019.8
<b>Onions — white and brown</b>				
Area	ha	1 067.6	750.7	589.0
Production	t	24 806.0	12 010.0	14 408.6
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Area	ha	6 552.1	6 274.0	6 630.7
Production	t	138 675.5	126 812.0	n.y.a.
<b>Tomatoes</b>				
Area	ha	2 119.9	2 053.4	1 696.8
Production	t	89 570.3	85 323.2	74 500.9

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1995 are not comparable to 1994 and 1996 data due to changes in question asked.

## LIVESTOCK

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#### MEAT CATTLE NUMBERS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Bulls and bull calves intended for service</i>	<i>Cows and heifers one year and over</i>	<i>Heifers and other calves under one year</i>	<i>Other cattle one year and over</i>	<i>Total meat cattle</i>	<i>Percentage of total meat cattle herd</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Sydney	1.0	20.1	10.8	7.9	39.8	0.6
Hunter	11.4	267.9	155.4	127.1	561.8	9.0
Illawarra	1.5	34.8	21.9	11.7	69.9	1.1
Richmond-Tweed	7.1	177.8	79.7	31.7	296.3	4.7
Mid-North Coast	7.9	195.2	105.4	77.0	385.5	6.2
Northern	36.7	852.4	516.1	397.7	1 802.9	28.8
North Western	15.9	391.9	231.9	153.8	793.5	12.7
Central West	12.0	285.5	179.1	133.7	610.3	9.7
South Eastern	12.5	272.9	168.6	67.6	521.6	8.3
Murrumbidgee	10.1	264.6	149.6	166.8	591.1	9.4
Murray	10.2	261.5	148.9	98.7	519.3	8.3
Far West	1.3	38.6	19.7	11.2	70.8	1.1
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>3 063.2</b>	<b>1 787.2</b>	<b>1 284.9</b>	<b>6 263.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>2 909.7</b>	<b>1 727.6</b>	<b>1 102.3</b>	<b>5 866.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>3 242.7</b>	<b>1 688.8</b>	<b>1 060.5</b>	<b>6 127.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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#### MILK CATTLE NUMBERS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Cows in milk and dry</i>	<i>Other milk cattle</i>	<i>Total milk cattle<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Percentage of total milk cattle herd</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%
Sydney	12.9	8.5	21.4	5.4
Hunter	45.8	24.2	70.0	17.7
Illawarra	28.1	19.8	47.9	12.1
Richmond-Tweed	29.6	14.4	44.0	11.1
Mid-North Coast	46.0	24.1	70.1	17.7
Northern	7.8	4.9	12.7	3.2
North Western	3.9	3.0	6.9	1.7
Central West	7.7	5.5	13.2	3.3
South Eastern	31.0	18.7	49.7	12.6
Murrumbidgee	4.5	3.2	7.7	1.9
Murray	31.5	20.6	52.1	13.2
Far West	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>				
<b>1996p</b>	<b>248.7</b>	<b>147.0</b>	<b>395.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>230.5</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>369.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>231.6</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>363.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes house cows and heifers.

# 11

## NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Sheep <sup>1</sup> (1 year and over)	Lambs and hoggets (under 1 year)	Total sheep and lambs	Percentage of total sheep flock
	'000	'000	'000	%
Sydney	22.9	5.7	28.6	0.1
Hunter	387.6	111.5	499.1	1.1
Illawarra	8.1	2.6	10.7	—
Richmond-Tweed	6.9	0.3	7.2	—
Mid-North Coast	3.1	1.0	4.1	—
Northern	5 322.1	1 744.8	7 066.9	16.1
North Western	5 796.2	2 369.6	8 165.8	18.6
Central West	5 885.6	1 859.0	7 744.6	17.7
South Eastern	5 608.0	1 524.2	7 132.2	16.3
Murrumbidgee	4 485.1	1 383.3	5 868.4	13.4
Murray	3 761.6	1 343.8	5 105.4	11.7
Far West	1 616.1	552.5	2 168.6	5.0
<b>New South Wales</b>				
<b>1996p</b>	<b>32 903.2</b>	<b>10 898.2</b>	<b>43 801.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>33 281.3</b>	<b>9 593.0</b>	<b>42 874.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>35 695.3</b>	<b>10 836.2</b>	<b>46 531.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Sheep 1 year and over including rams, ewes and wethers.

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## LAMBING BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996p

Statistical division	Ewes mated <sup>1</sup>	Lambs marked	Lamb marking ratio <sup>2</sup>	Lambing expectations year ended 31 March 1997 <sup>3</sup>		
				Joined to merino rams	Joined to other rams	Total
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	'000
Sydney	8.2	5.8	70.7	5.2	3.0	8.2
Hunter	166.2	135.5	81.5	132.4	53.4	185.8
Illawarra	5.2	4.8	92.3	1.2	2.4	3.6
Richmond-Tweed	0.8	0.4	50.0	—	0.6	0.6
Mid-North Coast	1.3	1.0	76.9	0.9	0.5	1.4
Northern	2 671.3	2 155.0	80.7	1 889.7	914.3	2 804.0
North Western	3 931.1	3 114.0	79.2	2 946.4	911.4	3 857.8
Central West	3 333.1	2 713.5	81.4	2 087.2	1 464.4	3 551.6
South Eastern	2 503.5	1 941.0	77.5	2 040.9	763.4	2 804.3
Murrumbidgee	2 802.7	2 148.9	76.7	1 681.8	1 437.8	3 119.6
Murray	2 436.6	1 871.2	76.8	1 896.2	774.2	2 670.4
Far West	908.5	555.5	61.1	961.5	17.3	978.8
<b>New South Wales</b>						
<b>1996p</b>	<b>18 768.5</b>	<b>14 646.5</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>13 643.6</b>	<b>6 342.6</b>	<b>19 986.2</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>18 617.0</b>	<b>13 233.2</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>12 624.6</b>	<b>5 240.8</b>	<b>17 865.3</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>19 393.2</b>	<b>15 164.1</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>13 470.5</b>	<b>6 753.9</b>	<b>20 224.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ewes mated to produce lambs marked in the season shown.

<sup>2</sup> Lambs marked as a proportion of ewes mated to produce lambs.

<sup>3</sup> Forecast made at the end of the 1995-96 season.

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## PIG NUMBERS<sup>1</sup> BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, AT 31 MARCH 1996p

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Total pigs</i>	<i>Percentage of total pigs</i>
	'000	%
Sydney	43.3	5.8
Hunter	17.8	2.4
Illawarra	12.7	1.7
Richmond-Tweed	77.7	10.4
Mid-North Coast	10.5	1.4
Northern	70.3	9.4
North Western	49.5	6.6
Central West	70.0	9.4
South Eastern	54.0	7.2
Murrumbidgee	69.5	9.3
Murray	272.1	36.4
Far West	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>		
<b>1996p</b>	<b>747.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>790.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>834.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes suckers, weaners, growers etc.

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### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains preliminary agricultural estimates for the 1995–96 season and comparative data for earlier years. Final figures for the 1995–96 season will be published early in 1997 when all agricultural census returns have been fully processed.

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- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ■ 1993–94 to present | EVAO \$5,000 and over;      |
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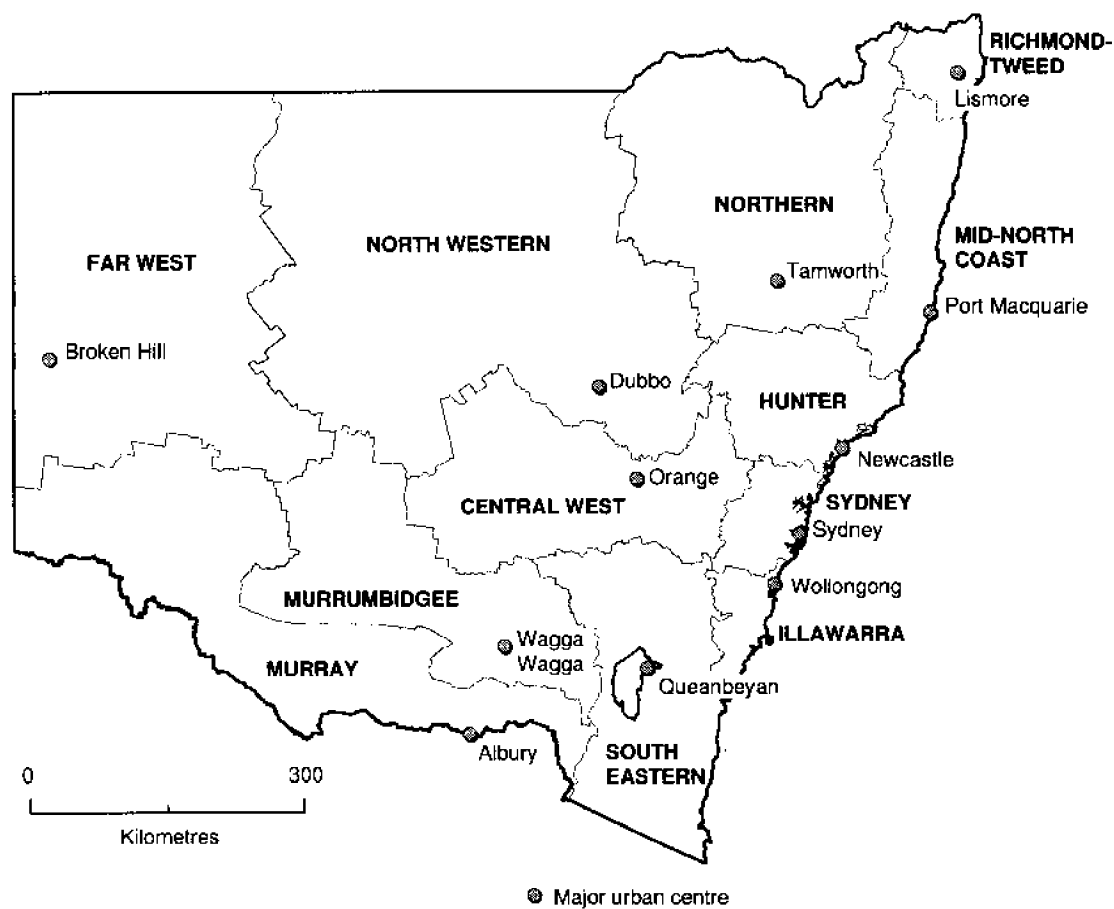
### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

—	nil or rounded to zero
ha	hectares
t	tonnes
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary

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