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WHEAT INDUSTRY : ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION SEASON 1975-76

This publication contains estimates of the area sown and production of wheat in the major wheat-growing States and Australia during the season 1975-76, together with comparative statistics for the four previous seasons. The 1975-76 estimates for New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia are based on information supplied from a sample of growers. Estimates shown for Queensland were supplied by the State Department of Primary Industries.

Also included in this bulletin are estimates of the area sown and production of barley and oats in Victoria,

South Australia and Western Australia during the 1975-76 season obtained from a sample of growers, together with comparable information for the four previous seasons.

More detailed statistics of the wheat industry will be published in *Wheat Industry 1973-74 and 1974-75 (Preliminary)* (Reference No. 10.35) due to be released shortly. Detailed statistics of oats and barley will be published in *Crop Statistics, Season 1974-75* (Reference No. 10.58) due for release early in 1976.

The seasons listed in this bulletin relate to the year ended 31 March.

TABLE 1. - WHEAT : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION, 1971-72 TO 1975-76

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN - ALL PURPOSES ('000 HECTARES)						
1971-72	2,475	1,053	567	1,085	2,068	7,253
1972-73	2,679	1,118	492	1,007	2,472	7,773
1973-74	2,931	1,269	407	1,449	3,007	9,066
1974-75	2,687	1,150	505	1,231	2,831	8,407
1975-76 (b)	2,826	1,154	585	970	3,375	8,912
AREA SOWN - FOR GRAIN ('000 HECTARES)						
1971-72	2,426	1,040	556	1,069	2,042	7,138
1972-73	2,618	1,087	471	986	2,437	7,604
1973-74	2,883	1,258	395	1,432	2,978	8,948
1974-75	2,646	1,141	489	1,220	2,810	8,308
1975-76 (b)	2,781	1,148	570	960	3,359	8,820
GRAIN PRODUCTION ('000 TONNES)						
1971-72	2,410	1,894	722	1,407	2,165	8,606
1972-73	1,954	1,405	405	815	2,003	6,590
1973-74	3,962	1,490	526	1,795	4,211	11,987
1974-75	3,809	2,091	692	1,486	3,277	11,357
1975-76 (b)	4,159	1,686	810	1,164	3,911	11,732

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Estimated.

TABLE 2. - BARLEY : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION, 1971-72 TO 1975-76.

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN - ALL PURPOSES ('000 HECTARES)						
1971-72	406	302	176	814	939	2,650
1972-73	380	286	97	729	774	2,280
1973-74	429	229	160	655	540	2,026
1974-75	357	248	176	717	403	1,914
1975-76 (b)	(c)	389	230	876	477	(c)
AREA SOWN - FOR GRAIN ('000 HECTARES)						
1971-72	373	296	159	784	911	2,535
1972-73	336	277	78	692	744	2,140
1973-74	386	222	139	627	510	1,894
1974-75	327	243	156	701	387	1,826
1975-76 (b)	(c)	384	210	851	468	(c)
GRAIN PRODUCTION ('000 TONNES)						
1971-72	346	395	249	1,047	1,000	3,065
1972-73	266	214	80	509	640	1,727
1973-74	448	285	221	793	626	2,397
1974-75	408	319	297	1,134	329	2,515
1975-76 (b)	(c)	486	455	1,098	591	(c)

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Estimated. (c) Not yet available.

TABLE 3. - OATS : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION, 1971-72 TO 1975-76

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN - ALL PURPOSES ('000 HECTARES)						
1971-72	507	433	218	278	628	2,084
1972-73	581	398	273	254	479	2,011
1973-74	720	365	254	252	483	2,100
1974-75	498	258	238	215	367	1,596
1975-76 (b)	(c)	373	180	213	447	(c)
AREA SOWN - FOR GRAIN ('000 HECTARES)						
1971-72	261	329	21	169	454	1,241
1972-73	285	255	10	142	297	995
1973-74	405	271	20	152	325	1,182
1974-75	270	198	25	135	262	897
1975-76 (b)	(c)	290	20	131	358	(c)
GRAIN PRODUCTION ('000 TONNES)						
1971-72	221	449	18	166	414	1,275
1972-73	196	238	8	74	212	736
1973-74	327	233	13	142	383	1,107
1974-75	293	186	28	112	250	874
1975-76 (b)	(c)	433	18	135	429	(c)

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Estimated. (c) Not yet available.

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