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CEREAL GRAINS: ESTIMATES OF AREA SOWN, AUSTRALIA, 1979-80

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MAIN FEATURES

The area sown to wheat for grain for the year ended 31 March 1980 is estimated to be 11,770,000 hectares, an increase of 15.5% on the area sown in the previous year. The areas sown are estimated to be larger in all States except Queensland.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication contains estimates for the 1979-80 season of the area sown to cereal grains in the major cereal grain growing States and Australia, compared with areas sown for the five previous seasons. Data for past years have been obtained from the annual Agricultural Census. The 1979-80 estimates for New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia are based on information supplied by a sample of growers while the estimates for Queensland are supplied by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Related publications

More detailed statistics on wheat, oats and barley are provided in the following publications:

Wheat Statistics (7307.0)
Crop Statistics (7302.0)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

p preliminary — figure or series subject to revision
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Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. WHEAT: AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION

Year ended 31 March —	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN — FOR GRAIN ('000 hectares)						
1975	2,646	1,141	489	1,220	2,810	8,308
1976	2,774	1,073	576	958	3,171	8,555
1977	3,116	1,103	582	839	3,314	8,956
1978	3,377	1,270	607	1,090	3,609	9,955
1979 (p)	3,103	1,337	747	1,295	3,705	10,189
1980 (b)	3,583	1,586	710	1,418	4,471	11,770
AREA SOWN — ALL PURPOSES ('000 hectares)						
1975	2,687	1,150	505	1,231	2,831	8,407
1976	2,804	1,080	583	970	3,194	8,634
1977	3,150	1,116	592	853	3,340	9,054
1978	3,417	1,285	624	1,111	3,639	10,078
1979 (p)	3,125	1,345	754	1,309	3,728	10,263
1980 (b)	3,596	1,596	720	1,423	4,524	11,862
GRAIN PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)						
1975	3,809	2,091	692	1,486	3,277	11,357
1976	4,310	1,579	830	1,139	4,122	11,982
1977	5,141	1,780	794	832	3,249	11,800
1978	3,846	1,497	569	511	2,945	9,370
1979 (p)	6,640	2,998	1,968	2,086	4,387	18,083
1980	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

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

TABLE 2. BARLEY : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION

<i>Year ended 31 March -</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Aust. (a)</i>
AREA SOWN - FOR GRAIN (*000 hectares)						
1975	327	243	156	701	387	1,826
1976	486	344	236	832	419	2,329
1977	417	366	218	855	452	2,321
1978	486	418	200	1,073	614	2,803
1979 (p)	463	366	232	1,089	615	2,777
1980 (b)	n.y.a.	348	209	988	561	n.y.a.
AREA SOWN - ALL PURPOSES (*000 hectares)						
1975	357	248	176	717	403	1,914
1976	510	349	248	848	432	2,399
1977	439	374	231	875	462	2,394
1978	513	426	218	1,102	624	2,895
1979 (p)	485	372	245	1,109	626	2,848
1980 (b)	n.y.a.	355	222	1,006	586	n.y.a.
GRAIN PRODUCTION (*000 tonnes)						
1975	408	319	297	1,134	329	2,515
1976	697	445	419	1,094	505	3,179
1977	571	402	407	889	553	2,847
1978	446	359	216	592	751	2,383
1979 (p)	664	519	584	1,422	778	3,995
1980	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

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

TABLE 3. OATS : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION

<i>Year ended 31 March -</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Aust. (a)</i>
AREA SOWN - FOR GRAIN (*000 hectares)						
1975	270	198	25	135	262	897
1976	290	243	12	119	320	988
1977	250	241	9	117	372	995
1978	288	228	10	130	415	1,076
1979 (p)	428	291	30	170	427	1,354
1980 (b)	n.y.a.	294	16	123	418	n.y.a.
AREA SOWN - ALL PURPOSES (*000 hectares)						
1975	498	258	238	215	367	1,596
1976	499	310	202	195	429	1,654
1977	463	335	165	198	491	1,668
1978	574	323	192	212	550	1,871
1979 (p)	717	366	247	253	564	2,171
1980 (b)	n.y.a.	356	226	209	590	n.y.a.
GRAIN PRODUCTION (*000 tonnes)						
1975	293	186	28	112	250	874
1976	350	282	13	107	386	1,141
1977	307	309	9	90	347	1,072
1978	242	269	5	55	416	990
1979 (p)	587	447	43	177	491	1,756
1980	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

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