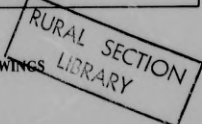


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CEREAL GRAINS : ESTIMATES OF INTENDED SOWINGS
SEASON 1977-78



The intended wheat area estimates are based on farmers' intentions to sow as reported on the Agricultural Census forms at 31 March preceding the season to which they relate. Because of the possible subsequent change in intention caused by unforeseen circumstances such as adverse climatic or economic conditions, the estimates may not always agree with the later reported statistics of area actually sown in the corresponding season.

This bulletin advances statistics for the 1976-77 season published in the bulletin *Cereal Grains : Estimates of Production Season 1976-77*, (Reference No. 10.53) issued on 6 January 1977. It contains the first release on a State basis of estimates of intended

wheat sowings for the 1977-78 season and preliminary figures of stocks of wheat held on holdings at 31 March 1977. Figures for earlier years are shown for comparison.

Estimates of the actual area sown for the 1977-78 season will be published in *Cereal Grains : Estimates of Area Sown Season 1977-78* (Reference No. 10.52) in September.

More detailed statistics on wheat were published in *Wheat Statistics 1975-76* (Reference No. 10.35) issued on 25 March 1977. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (Reference No. 1.8).

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TABLE 1. AREA INTENDED TO BE SOWN TO WHEAT, ALL PURPOSES
 (mil. hectares)

Total area intended to be sown	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
As at 31 March 1973 for 1973-74 season	3.1	1.4	0.5	1.4	3.0	9.5
As at 31 March 1974 for 1974-75 season	2.7	1.2	0.5	1.3	3.0	8.7
As at 31 March 1975 for 1975-76 season	2.9	1.2	0.6	1.2	3.2	8.9
As at 31 March 1976 for 1976-77 season	3.3	1.2	0.6	1.2	3.4	9.7
As at 31 March 1977 for 1977-78 season p	3.4	1.3	0.6	1.2	3.7	10.2

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. p — preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 2. ACTUAL AREA SOWN TO WHEAT

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
WHEAT, ALL PURPOSES ('000 hectares)						
1972-73	2,679	1,118	492	1,007	2,472	7,774
1973-74	2,931	1,269	407	1,449	3,007	9,066
1974-75	2,687	1,150	505	1,231	2,831	8,406
1975-76	2,804	1,080	583	970	3,194	8,633
1976-77 p	3,153	1,119	586	857	3,339	9,057
WHEAT, FOR GRAIN ('000 hectares)						
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	2,774	1,073	576	958	3,171	8,555
1976-77 p	3,116	1,102	568	840	3,291	8,920

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. p — preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 3. WHEAT PRODUCTION (GRAIN)
(*000 tonnes)

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
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	4,310	1,578	830	1,139	4,122	11,982
1976-77 p	5,141	1,770	819	832	3,274	11,841

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 4. - STOCKS OF WHEAT HELD ON HOLDINGS (GRAIN)
(*000 tonnes)

At 31 March	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
1973	326	158	28	122	199	839
1974	327	149	27	121	222	849
1975	258	123	29	109	209	731
1976	289	127	26	101	224	769
1977 p	328	124	27	101	242	823

(a) Includes Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory. p - preliminary, subject to revision