



VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED AUSTRALIA, 1982-83, FIRST ESTIMATES

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MAIN FEATURES

As a result of the severe drought, particularly in the Eastern States, the gross value of crops in 1982-83, at \$4,800 million, fell by 23% over 1981-82. Among individual crops, the largest falls were for wheat and barley, each of which fell by 41%.

The gross value of livestock slaughterings decreased by about 1%, while gross value of livestock products remained about the same.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains first estimates of the gross value of agricultural commodities produced, for States and Australia, for the year 1982-83 together with comparative figures for Australia for the two preceding years.

2. The estimates in this publication are, for most commodities, derived from preliminary quantity data collected in the 1982-83 Agricultural Census, valued at estimated 1982-83 price quotations current in May 1983.

3. **Gross value of commodities produced** is the value placed on recorded production at wholesale prices realised in the market place. In general, the 'market place' is the metropolitan market in each State. In cases where commodities are consumed locally, or where they become raw material for a secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the market place.

Period covered

4. The period covered in this publication for crops refers, in general, to the season ended 31 March, and for the remaining commodities, refers to the year ended 30 June. For all commodities, values are in respect of production during the year (or season) irrespective of whether or when that production is actually marketed or when payments are made. For that portion of production not marketed (e.g. hay grown on farm for own use, milk used in farm household, etc.) estimates are made from the best available information and valued on a local value basis.

Related publications

5. More detailed statistics on the value of agricultural commodities produced are provided in the following publications:

Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 1982-83 (Second Estimates) (7502.0). This publication is expected to be released in January 1984.

Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 1980-81 (7503.0) — currently available. The 1981-82 issue of this publication is expected to be released in August 1983.

6. In addition to the information contained in these publications, agricultural statistics for small areas and for previous years are available on request. Small area statistics are also available on magnetic tape and microfiche. In certain cases these additional services are subject to a charge.

7. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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

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TABLE 1. GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED, AUSTRALIA (\$ m)

	1980-81	1981-82p	1982-83p	% change 1982-83 on 1981-82
Crops—				
Cereals for grain—				
Barley	380.9	457.1	270.3	-41.0
Grain sorghum	152.0	139.9	133.8	-4.4
Oats	139.5	154.9	119.3	-23.0
Rice	138.2	97.3	77.4	-20.5
Wheat	1,684.1	2,612.7	1,543.0	-40.9
Other	37.4	49.6	37.7	-24.0
Sugar cane cut for crushing	799.7	589.7	484.0	-17.9
Tobacco (dried leaf)	62.0	58.9	67.6	14.8
Cotton	147.2	161.8	167.0	3.2
Apples	118.9	124.1	126.3	1.8
Other fruit and nuts	341.0	328.2	373.1	13.8
Grapes	178.2	211.5	207.1	-2.0
Potatoes	170.0	179.6	154.3	-14.1
Tomatoes	75.2	78.1	72.4	-7.3
Other vegetables	263.8	292.7	280.7	-4.1
Pastures and grasses	240.1	305.6	295.3	-3.4
All other crops	377.7	397.7	392.1	-0.1
Total	5,305.9	6,239.1	4,801.4	-23.0
Livestock slaughtering(a)—				
Cattle and calves	2,056.5	1,895.7	1,984.9	4.7
Sheep and lambs	718.9	649.1	454.2	-30.0
Pigs	337.5	399.3	412.4	3.3
Poultry	361.4	361.5	414.4	14.6
Total	3,474.3	3,305.6	3,265.9	-1.2
Livestock products—				
Wool	1,669.5	1,786.2	1,763.9	-1.2
Milk	(b)885.1	(b)1,046.2	(b)1,060.0	1.3
Eggs	(b)227.4	(b)253.4	(b)274.0	8.1
Honey and beeswax	17.3	17.8	17.2	-3.4
Total	(c)3,803.8	(c)3,108.1	(c)3,119.7	0.4
Total agriculture	11,584.0	12,652.8	11,187.8	-11.6

(a) Includes net exports of livestock. (b) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory milk and eggs.

TABLE 2. GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED, 1982-83p (\$ m)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Crops—							
Cereals for grain—							
Barley	20.1	17.2	41.7	93.6	94.1	3.6	270.3
Grain sorghum	42.0	—	90.6	—	0.7	—	133.8
Oats	20.1	14.4	1.5	10.1	70.0	3.1	119.3
Rice	71.0	—	3.9	—	0.5	—	77.4
Wheat	250.6	65.6	138.7	116.1	971.6	—	1,543.0
Other	18.6	1.2	15.8	1.5	0.6	0.1	37.7
Sugar cane cut for crushing	26.4	—	457.6	—	—	—	484.0
Tobacco (dried leaf)	3.4	26.7	37.5	—	—	—	67.6
Cotton	130.5	—	36.5	—	—	—	167.0
Apples	31.1	24.3	18.5	11.6	18.0	20.8	126.3
Other fruit and nuts	117.9	71.6	96.0	67.3	17.9	2.3	373.1
Grapes	36.1	93.8	4.0	67.7	3.5	—	207.1
Potatoes	12.1	56.2	24.2	23.7	17.5	20.4	154.3
Tomatoes	9.2	10.6	40.6	7.9	3.5	0.6	72.4
Other vegetables	50.4	66.8	62.8	45.2	30.5	24.5	280.7
Pastures and grasses	72.8	125.3	26.8	34.0	28.7	6.9	295.3
All other crops	96.4	85.4	76.4	43.6	73.6	15.4	392.1
Total	1,014.9	659.1	1,173.1	522.3	1,330.7	97.7	4,801.4
Livestock slaughtering(b)—							
Cattle and calves	564.3	452.9	575.0	131.2	139.7	58.5	1,984.9
Sheep and lambs	(c)100.0	120.2	(c)11.5	96.0	111.0	15.1	454.2
Pigs	95.1	131.3	85.3	53.5	37.6	8.8	412.4
Poultry	(d)200.3	78.1	48.7	44.2	35.0	6.9	414.4
Total	959.7	782.5	720.5	324.9	323.4	89.3	3,265.9
Livestock products—							
Wool	591.0	319.4	143.5	256.0	395.8	57.2	1,763.9
Milk	240.2	518.0	130.9	58.5	53.3	59.1	(e)1,060.0
Eggs	111.3	70.1	39.3	23.3	20.6	6.8	(e)274.0
Honey and beeswax	5.3	3.1	2.7	3.1	(f)2.2	0.7	17.2
Total	947.8	910.6	316.4	340.9	471.8	123.9	(g)3,119.7
Total agriculture	2,922.4	2,352.2	2,210.1	1,188.2	2,125.9	310.8	11,187.8

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes net exports of livestock. Data on border crossings between New South Wales and Victoria was not available for 1982-83. Consequently, no adjustments for net exports or imports of livestock between these States has been made. (c) Data on border crossings between New South Wales and Queensland estimated for 1982-83. (d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(f) Includes pollen. (g) Includes Australian Capital Territory milk and eggs.