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AUSTRALIAN

FARMING

IN BRIEF

Employed persons in Agriculture and services to Agriculture* - August		1990	1991	1992
Males	'000	282.9	267.0	260.5
Females	"	116.8	115.2	113.8
Persons	"	399.7	382.2	374.1

Employed persons in all industries*				
Males	"	4,583.8	4,443.7	4,433.4
Females	"	3,241.2	3,225.5	3,245.8
Persons	"	7,825.0	7,669.2	7,679.3

Land use on farms		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Number of establishments engaged in agricultural activity	'000	129.5	126.4	122.1
Total area of establishments	m ha	484.3	462.8	406.0
Average size of establishments	ha	3,585.3	3,661.4	3,816.5
Area of crops	m ha	17.0	17.4	16.4
Area of sown pastures and grasses	m ha	30.9	28.3	30.8
Total area of Australia	m ha		—798.3—	

Crop Area				
Wheat for grain	'000 ha	9,004	9,218	7,183
Barley for grain	"	2,310	2,556	2,744
Oats for grain	"	1,089	1,044	1,160

Fertiliser and soil conditioners used		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Area fertilised	m ha	27.4	23.6	19.5
Quantity of fertilisers used	'000 t	3,870.8	3,239.1	2,678.3
Area of soil conditioners used	'000 ha	n.c.	165.6	716.1
Soil conditioners used	'000 t	n.c.	200.9	n.c.

Number of establishments with agricultural activity, by industry, year ended 31 March		1990	1991	1992
Poultry for meat		681	679	658
Poultry for eggs		845	617	603
Grapes		3,521	3,514	3,466
Pitavation fruit		1,580	1,521	1,432
Orchard and other fruit		5,271	4,961	4,863
Potatoes		1,360	1,319	1,391
Vegetables (excl. potatoes)		3,451	3,314	3,189
Cereal grains (incl. oilseeds n.s.c.)		7,178	6,865	8,342
Sheep-cereal grains		19,556	19,580	17,048
Meat cattle-cereal grains		2,653	2,660	2,349
Sheep-meat cattle		8,747	9,244	11,259
Sheep		26,289	24,298	19,392
Meat cattle		18,946	19,509	19,801
Milk cattle		14,451	13,854	13,595
Pigs		1,733	1,698	1,730
Sugar cane		5,203	4,996	4,983
Peanuts		163	196	234
Tobacco		502	475	454
Cotton		586	669	811
Nurseries		2,283	2,289	2,148
Agriculture n.s.c.		2,977	2,641	2,753
All other industries		892	736	656
Unclassified		870	771	893
Total		129,539	126,392	122,064

Establishments with agricultural activity

Number of establishments with—				
Wheat for grain		30,932	30,645	26,115
Barley for grain		20,110	20,823	20,644
Oats for grain		20,623	20,095	20,207
Sheep and lambs		63,716	62,342	59,589
Milk cattle		17,032	15,762	15,229
Meat cattle		68,553	67,107	65,466
Total establishments in Australia		129,539	126,392	122,064

Number of establishments with agricultural activity
by Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations,
year ended 31 March

	1990	1991	1992
\$0 - \$29,999	14,322	13,202	13,083
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8,344	7,671	8,069
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7,710	7,011	7,822
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7,096	6,690	6,978
\$60,000 - \$74,999	9,789	9,308	9,643
\$75,000 - \$99,999	15,291	14,651	14,236
\$100,000-\$149,999	22,234	21,942	21,496
\$150,000-\$199,999	13,809	13,914	13,375
\$200,000-\$499,999	24,371	25,142	21,993
\$500,000 and more	6,573	6,861	5,55
Total	129,539	126,382	122,664

Turnover of farm businesses,
by industry

		1990-91	1991-92
Poultry	\$m	406.9	538.2
Fruit	"	1,417.9	1,384.5
Vegetables	"	990.0	1,116.1
Cereal grains	"	1,173.9	1,745.4
Sheep-cereal grains	"	3,272.3	2,793.9
Meat cattle-cereal grains	"	518.8	397.4
Sheep-meat cattle	"	1,461.9	1,438.5
Sheep	"	2,987.2	1,721.4
Meat cattle	"	2,183.1	2,292.9
Milk cattle	"	1,827.8	2,091.2
Pigs	"	613.6	643.8
Sugar	"	790.0	702.9
Cotton(a)	"	n.c.	918.7
Other agriculture(a)	"	1,457.3	801.0
All industries	"	18,190.6	18,576.6

Average turnover of
farm businesses, by industry

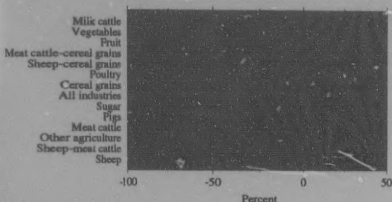
		1990-91	1991-92
Poultry	\$'000	460.1	461.2
Fruit	"	153.4	154.7
Vegetables	"	241.3	286.2
Cereal grains	"	231.7	192.2
Sheep-cereal grains	"	181.6	171.4
Meat cattle-cereal grains	"	201.9	184.7
Sheep-meat cattle	"	166.5	134.4
Sheep	"	141.1	101.3
Meat cattle	"	147.3	154.4
Milk cattle	"	135.5	152.9
Pigs	"	337.3	376.3
Sugar	"	175.6	150.3
Cotton(a)	"	n.c.	1,428.8
Other agriculture(a)	"	347.0	163.4
All industries	"	177.2	169.4

Average cash operating surplus of
farm businesses, by industry

		1990-91	1991-92
Poultry	\$'000	69.6	73.1
Fruit	"	32.1	35.2
Vegetables	"	43.4	51.1
Cereal grains	"	41.4	42.0
Sheep-cereal grains	"	28.5	30.4
Meat cattle-cereal grains	"	37.9	41.1
Sheep-meat cattle	"	23.7	9.2
Sheep	"	17.5	2.3
Meat cattle	"	30.1	15.9
Milk cattle	"	31.0	38.8
Pigs	"	55.3	39.5
Sugar	"	52.4	43.0
Cotton(a)	"	n.c.	301.2
Other agriculture(a)	"	67.1	33.9
All industries	"	31.5	28.2

(a) Prior to 1991-92 the estimate for Cotton was included in "Other agriculture".

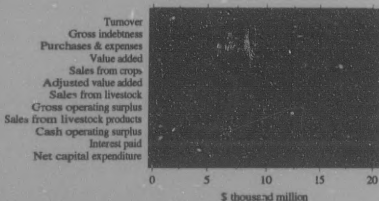
**AVERAGE CASH OPERATING SURPLUS OF
FARM BUSINESSES, BY INDUSTRY,
PERCENTAGE CHANGE 1991-92 ON 1990-91**



Financial statistics of farm businesses

		1990-91	1991-92
Sales from crops	\$m	7,196.7	7,718.3
Sales from livestock	"	4,864.5	4,905.3
Sales from livestock products	"	5,853.6	4,753.6
Turnover	"	19,190.6	18,576.0
Purchases and selected expenses	"	10,892.5	10,726.3
Value added	"	7,347.7	8,039.5
Adjusted value added	"	6,023.1	6,729.1
Gross operating surplus	"	4,153.6	4,876.5
Interest paid	"	2,066.0	1,820.4
Cash operating surplus	"	3,412.8	3,095.0
Total net capital expenditure	"	1,216.6	1,420.8
Gross indebtedness	"	14,140.6	14,019.2

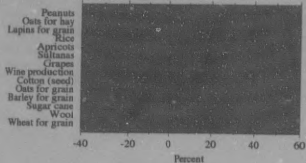
**FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF FARM BUSINESSES
1990-91 AND 1991-92**



Crop production		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Cereals for grain—				
Barley	'000 t	4,044	4,108	4,530
Grain sorghum	"	946	751	1,447
Maize	"	219	194	269
Oats	"	1,640	1,530	1,690
Rice	"	846	740	957
Wheat	"	14,214	15,066	10,557
Legumes for grain—				
Field peas	"	368	318	473
Lupins	"	772	758	1,047
Crops for hay—				
Barley	"	88	n.c.	n.c.
Oats	"	720	829	1,155
Wheat	"	159	52	64
Other	"	17	(a)187	(a)261
Oilseeds—				
Linseed	"	2	4	5
Rapeseed/Canola	"	78	98	170
Safflower	"	21	10	26
Soybeans	"	77	62	63
Sunflower	"	73	152	84
Other crops—				
Sugar cane, cut for crushing	"	26,940	24,370	20,640
Tobacco	"	12	13	11
Cotton (seed cotton)	"	792	1,129	1,278
Peanuts (in shell)	"	18	27	39
Vegetables for human consumption—				
Beans, french and runner	"	38	30	32
Cabbages and brussels sprouts	"	84	82	85
Carrots	"	155	152	158
Cauliflower	"	89	90	78
Green peas—				
Processing (shelled weight)	"	50	41	37
Sold in pod (pod weight)	"	1	1	1
Lettuce	"	89	98	101
Onions, white and brown	"	193	222	221
Potatoes	"	1,178	1,136	1,150
Pumpkins	"	83	84	79
Sweet corn	"	65	50	50
Tomatoes	"	322	364	331
Fruit production				
Orchard fruit—				
Citrus fruit—				
Oranges	"	487	453	470
Lemons and limes	"	36	32	33
Mandarins	"	40	40	44
Grapefruit	"	30	26	27
Pome—				
Apples	"	319	289	316
Pears	"	164	160	180
Stone and other—				
Apricots	"	30	25	32
Cherries	"	5	5	5
Nectarines	"	10	12	14
Peaches	"	58	58	62
Plums and prunes	"	20	20	22
Nuts—				
Almonds (in shell)	"	7	7	8
Macadamia	"	6	7	7
Tropical and other fruit—				
Bananas	"	180	165	177
Pineapples	"	142	126	133

(a) Includes cereals not collected separately.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
PERCENTAGE CHANGE 1991-92 ON 1990-91



Livestock numbers at 31 March				
		1990	1991	1992
Cattle and calves	'000	23,162	23,662	23,880
Sheep and lambs	"	170,297	183,238	148,203
Pigs	"	2,648	2,531	2,792
Poultry	"	56,990	52,472	55,743
Livestock products, year ended 30 June *				
		1990	1991	1992
Meat production (carcass weight)				
Beef	'000 t	1,642	1,723	1,753
Veal	"	35	36	38
Mutton	"	333	381	392
Lamb	"	295	287	275
Pigmeat	"	317	312	336
Chicken meat (dressed weight)	"	380	388	416
Total wool (greasy basis)	"	1,050	1,013	837
Whole milk factory intake	m litres	6,263	6,403	6,731
Grapes and grape products				
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Area of vines at harvest—				
Bearing	'000 ha	53.9	54.4	56.4
Not yet bearing	"	5.3	5.6	4.6
Total	"	59.2	60.1	61.0
Grape utilisation (fresh weight)—				
Wine making	'000 t	531.0	487.7	564.5
Drying	"	249.1	316.8	372.9
Table/other	"	144.9	47.4	50.6
Total	"	824.3	851.1	987.1
Dried fruit production (dried weight)—				
Currents	"	4.8	3.2	5.4
Sultanas	"	46.6	62.1	72.9
Raisins	"	3.8	4.2	3.8
Total	"	55.2	69.5	82.1
Gross value of grapes				
Winemaking	\$m	236.0	171.6	228.3
Drying	"	101.9	129.2	130.6
Table	"	52.4	61.3	74.1
Total	"	390.2	362.0	433.0
Australian wine production— *				
Fortified beverage wine	'000 l	32,904	33,817	33,003
Unfortified beverage wine	"	349,913	312,024	364,157
Distillation wine	"	61,767	54,068	61,342
Gross total wine	"	444,584	399,909	458,501
Net total wine	"			
(excludes grape spirit used for fortifying)	"	439,264	394,289	452,565
Exports and imports of wine— *				
Exports	"	138,120	154,160	78,576
Imports	"	10,453	8,999	8,703

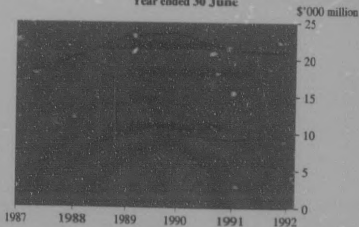
Apparent consumption of
selected foodstuffs (per head per year)
year ended 30 June*

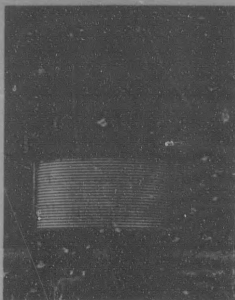
		1981-82	1986-87	1991-92p
Beef and veal	kg	49.8	39.2	37.1
Lamb	"	16.3	15.0	13.4
Mutton	"	3.5	7.4	6.8
Pigmeat	"	15.1	16.8	18.7
Poultry	"	19.6	23.5	26.0
Margarine (table and other)	"	9.5	8.9	8.3
Butter	"	4.3	3.5	2.6
Cheese	"	7.0	8.5	8.8
Market milk	litres	103.1	102.9	101.2
Beer	"	128.6	111.3	101.9
Wine	"	19.1	21.0	18.6
Spirits	litres alcohol	1.16	1.18	1.12
Aerated and carbonated waters	litres	64.2	81.2	94.5
Tea	kg	1.6	1.3	1.0
Coffee	"	1.9	1.8	2.1

Gross value of agricultural
commodities produced

		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Wool	\$m	5,718.1	4,180.9	2,979.5
Cattle and calves	"	3,860.5	3,869.4	3,801.9
Wheat for grain	"	2,775.1	1,988.1	2,097.2
Milk	"	1,749.0	1,824.8	1,960.0
Vegetables	"	1,328.2	1,284.9	1,242.4
Fruit and nuts	"	1,022.1	1,059.6	1,304.1
Sugar cane cut for crushing	"	874.0	748.0	602.7
Poultry	"	777.9	788.3	778.0
Barley for grain	"	708.8	568.3	680.9
Pigs	"	656.0	691.0	658.6
Cotton	"	639.5	898.0	878.6
Sheep and lambs	"	585.4	664.2	460.6
Pastures and grasses	"	495.3	582.0	598.9
Nurseries and turf	"	444.2	442.6	482.4
Grapes	"	392.2	362.0	433.0
Legumes for grain	"	294.5	286.0	395.2
Total agriculture	"	23,585.1	21,158.5	20,861.3

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED
Year ended 30 June





Symbols and other usages

ha — hectares (2.5 acres)

kg — kilograms

l — litres

\$m — million dollars

m — million

n.c. — not collected

n.e.c. — not elsewhere classified

p — preliminary

r — revised

t — tonnes

* — see note 2, below

Notes:

1. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.
2. The statistics relate to agricultural establishments with an Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations (EVAO) of \$20,000 or more prior to 1991-92, and from 1991-92 with an EVAO of \$22,500 or more unless indicated with an asterisk *.

This brochure is intended to give no more than a general indication of various aspects of Australian agriculture. The Australian Bureau of Statistics' agricultural statistics program aims to provide a balanced range of commodity and financial statistics relating to agriculture. The main elements of this program involve the conduct of an annual integrated agricultural commodity census; a number of additional commodity surveys; an agricultural finance survey; the production of a range of derived statistics including estimates of the value of agricultural commodities produced; and estimates of the apparent consumption of foodstuffs and nutrients.

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