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PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, AUSTRALIA, 1980-81 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

First estimates from the 1980-81 Agricultural Census indicate that:

There were 24,791,000 cattle and calves at 31 March 1981, a decrease of 5.4% on the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs at 31 March 1981 was 132,343,000, a decrease of 2.7% on the previous year.

The area sown to wheat for grain for the year ended 31 March 1981 was 11,176,000 hectares, an increase of 0.2% on the area sown in the previous year.

Wheat for grain production for the year ended 31 March 1981 was 10,831,000 tonnes, a decrease of 33.1% on last season's production.

Wheat farmers intend to sow 11.6 million hectares to wheat for the year ended 31 March 1982. This represents a 3.3% increase on the intention of 11.2 million hectares for the year ended 31 March 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication contains preliminary agricultural estimates for the year ended 31 March 1981, together with estimates of intended sowings of major cereal crops and intended ewe matings for the forthcoming year ended 31 March 1982. Comparative data for earlier years are also included.

2. Estimates for the year ended 31 March 1981 are based on a proportion of information obtained in all States, from the Agricultural Census conducted at 31 March 1981.

Related publications

3. Further preliminary agricultural statistics will be published in:

Cereal Grains: Estimates of Area Sown, Australia, 1981-82 (7305.0)

Cereal Grains: Estimates of Area Sown (Statistical Divisions), Australia, 1981-82 (7312.0)

Cereal Grains: Estimates of Intended Sowings, Australia, 1982 (7304.0)

Crop and Fruit Statistics, Australia, 1980-81 (Preliminary) (7301.0).

4. Final figures will be published in the following series of publications intended for release later in the year and during the early part of 1982 when all Agricultural Census returns have been fully processed.

Crops, Australia, 1980-81 (7302.0)

Fruit, Australia, 1980-81 (7303.0)

Livestock, Australia, 1981 (7203.0)

Agricultural Land Use, Improvements and Labour, Australia, 1980-81 (7103.0)

Wheat, Australia, 1980-81 (7307.0).

5. In addition to these publications, further Agricultural Census details for small areas are available on request. Also, small area statistics are available on magnetic tape and microfiche which, in certain cases are subject to a charge.

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

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- nil or less than half the final digit shown
- n.y.a. not yet available.

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. AREA AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CEREALS FOR GRAIN, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1981 p

	<i>Barley</i>	<i>Grain sorghum</i>	<i>Maize</i>	<i>Oats</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Wheat</i>
AREA (' 000 ha)						
New South Wales	438	122	14	361	101	3,345
Victoria	292	1	—	205	—	1,421
Queensland	166	529	39	23	6	698
South Australia	1,003	—	—	102	—	1,478
Western Australia	522	1	—	368	—	4,231
Tasmania	9	—	—	8	—	2
Australia(a)	2,430	652	54	1,066	107	11,176
PRODUCTION (' 000 tonnes)						
New South Wales	407	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	304	720	2,826
Victoria	403			302	—	2,542
Queensland	184			9	22	496
South Australia	1,170			98	—	1,646
Western Australia	489			366	1	3,316
Tasmania	17			11	—	4
Australia(a)	2,670			1,089	743	10,831

(a) Includes estimates for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. AREA AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CEREALS FOR GRAIN, AUSTRALIA

<i>Year ended 31 March</i>	<i>Barley</i>	<i>Grain sorghum</i>	<i>Maize</i>	<i>Oats</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Wheat</i>
AREA (' 000 ha)						
1979	2,785	469	50	1,359	110	10,249
1980	2,482	519	54	1,123	116	11,153
1981	2,430	652	54	1,066	107	11,176
PRODUCTION (' 000 tonnes)						
1979	4,006	1,125	169	1,763	692	18,090
1980	3,703	922	151	1,411	613	16,188
1981	2,670	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,089	743	10,831

TABLE 3. AREA INTENDED TO BE SOWN TO BARLEY, OATS AND WHEAT FOR ALL PURPOSES, AUSTRALIA
(⁰ 000 hectares)

	Year ended 31 March		
	1980	1981	1982 p
Barley	2,609	2,619	2,728
Oats	2,137	2,209	2,381
Wheat	11,117	11,224	11,593

TABLE 4. FARM STOCKS OF CEREAL GRAINS, AUSTRALIA
(⁰ 000 tonnes)

	At 31 March		
	1979	1980	1981 p
Barley	636.5	542.5	523.5
Oats	1,256.0	1,207.5	968.6
Wheat	879.7	814.7	848.3

TABLE 5. LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, AT 31 MARCH 1981
(⁰ 000)

	N.S.W.	Vic	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas	Aust. (a)
CATTLE—							
MILK—							
Bulls 1 year and over used or intended for service	5	25	5	3	1	2	42
Bull calves under 1 year intended for service	2	7	2	1	—	1	12
Cows in milk and dry	284	1,008	235	101	72	96	1,796
Heifer calves 1 year and over	79	237	62	30	29	23	461
Heifer calves under 1 year	59	227	40	22	22	23	393
House cows and heifers	28	12	25	4	3	1	74
Total	457	1,516	369	161	127	146	2,777
MEAT—							
Bulls 1 year and over used or intended for service	96	62	167	22	39	11	433
Bull calves under 1 year intended for service	24	17	36	6	13	4	103
Cows and heifers 1 year and over	2,576	1,449	4,393	491	1,002	246	11,074
Heifer calves under 1 year	642	352	861	111	208	70	2,426
Other calves under 1 year	724	371	877	137	228	88	2,617
Other cattle 1 year and over	744	551	3,015	151	399	88	5,362
Total	4,804	2,802	9,349	917	1,889	507	22,014
Total all cattle	5,262	4,318	9,718	1,078	2,016	653	24,791
SHEEP AND LAMBS—							
Rams (1 year and over)	582	307	150	232	406	53	1,731
Ewes	25,464	12,823	5,386	8,995	15,502	2,224	70,447
Wethers (1 year and over)	8,054	6,334	3,753	3,576	6,490	936	29,170
Lambs and hoggets (under 1 year)	11,000	5,871	1,108	4,262	7,581	1,157	30,994
Total sheep and lambs	45,100	25,335	10,397	17,065	29,980	4,372	132,343
PIGS—							
Boars	8	4	5	4	3	1	25
Breeding sows and gilts intended for breeding	112	11	61	55	46	8	293
Other	646	320	418	354	262	48	2,050
Total pigs	766	335	484	413	311	57	2,368

(a) Includes estimates for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 6. LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, AUSTRALIA
(' 000)

	At 31 March		
	1979	1980	1981 p
CATTLE—			
MILK—			
Bulls 1 year and over used or intended for service	43	42	42
Bull calves under 1 year intended for service	12	13	12
Cows in milk and dry	1,921	1,869	1,796
Heifers 1 year and over	442	431	461
Heifer calves under 1 year	369	396	393
House cows and heifers	78	77	74
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,867</i>	<i>2,830</i>	<i>2,777</i>
MEAT—			
Bulls 1 year and over used or intended for service	447	442	433
Bull calves under 1 year intended for service	97	103	103
Cows and heifers 1 to 2 years	} 11,774 {	8,734	8,310
Cows and heifers over 2 years		2,992	2,764
Heifer calves under 1 year	2,834	2,603	2,426
Other calves under 1 year	3,003	2,842	2,617
Other cattle 1 year and over	6,090	5,656	5,362
<i>Total</i>	<i>24,245</i>	<i>23,373</i>	<i>22,014</i>
Total all cattle	27,112	26,203	24,791
SHEEP AND LAMBS—			
Rams (1 year and over)	1,709	1,739	1,731
Ewes	70,591	71,477	70,447
Wethers (1 year and over)	31,560	30,484	29,170
Lambs and hoggets (under 1 year)	30,360	32,284	30,994
Total sheep and lambs	134,222	135,985	132,343
PIGS—			
Boars	28	29	25
Breeding sows and gilts intended for breeding	312	352	293
Others	1,961	2,136	2,050
Total pigs	2,301	2,518	2,368

TABLE 7. LAMBING AUSTRALIA
(' 000)

Year ended 31 March—	Lambs marked	Ewes mated	Intended matings to—		
			Merino rams	Other rams	Total
1979	42,530	57,137	35,563	22,974	58,536
1980	45,784	59,501	37,347	24,523	61,869
1981	43,038	57,665	35,116	25,233	60,350
1982	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	35,504	25,303	60,806