

WHEAT INDUSTRY

1972-73 AND 1973-74 (PRELIMINARY)

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains, for the most part, statistical series of the seasons 1969-70 to 1973-74. Earlier, but less detailed estimates, relating to area and production for the 1973-74 season were published in the supplementary publications, *The Wheat Industry : Estimates of Area Sown* (Reference No. 10.52) and *The Wheat Industry : Estimates of Wheat Production* (Reference No. 10.53), published on 15 October 1973 and 3 December 1973 respectively.

Details of farmers' intentions to sow wheat for the 1974-75 season were published in *The Wheat Industry : Estimates of Intended Sowings* (Reference No. 10.36), on 17 July 1974.

In the compilation of this bulletin, use has been made of statistical and other data supplied by the Australian Wheat Board and the Australian Department of Agriculture. Thanks are tendered to both these authorities for their valuable assistance and co-operation.

Particulars of area, production and yield per hectare of wheat in Australia refer to wheat sown from April to September and harvested from October to February following, e.g., the 1973-74 season production relates to the harvesting period October 1973 to February 1974. Tables relating to manufacturing activity and exports of wheat and flour refer to the year ended 30 June. The period covered in other tables are indicated.

Summary tables showing all rural holdings in the several States, classified by Statistical Divisions according to area of wheat for grain for 1972-73, appear in an appendix at the end of this bulletin.

Symbols used in this bulletin

p — Preliminary. Subject to revision.

.. — Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

I. SUMMARY OF WHEAT STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA

TABLE 1. - WHEAT FOR ALL PURPOSES, AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD : AUSTRALIA, 1969-70 to 1973-74

Purpose	Season					Percentage change 1973-74 on 1972-73
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	
Area sown ('000 hectares) -						
Grain	9,486	6,478	7,138	7,604	8,953	17.7
Hay	139	76	81	121	66	-45.5
Green feed	111	77	35	48	50	4.2
Total	9,736	6,632	7,253	7,773	9,069	16.7
Production ('000 tonnes) -						
Grain	10,547	7,890	8,510	6,434	12,093	88.0
Hay	443	260	265	301	191	-36.5
Yield (tonnes per hectare) -						
Grain	1.112	1.218	1.192	0.846	1.351	59.7
Hay	3.191	3.433	3.297	2.477	2.903	17.2

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION, DISPOSAL AND STOCKS OF WHEAT : AUSTRALIA, 1968-69 to 1972-73
('000 tonnes)

	Year ended 30 November -				
	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973p
Opening stocks (incl. flour as wheat) (a)(b)	1,411	7,260	7,222	3,404	1,451
Production	14,804	10,547	7,890	8,510	6,434
Total available supplies	16,215	17,807	15,112	11,914	7,885
Exports -					
Wheat	5,960	7,569	8,595	7,426	3,855
Flour (c)	408	454	376	256	200
Breakfast foods and other products (b)(c)	52	60	79	77	82
Local consumption -					
Flour (b)(c)	1,211	1,236	1,246	1,276	1,272
Breakfast foods and other products (b)(c)	46	38	38	38	36
Stock feed wheat sales (b)	267	321	395	533	934
Seed	591	389	444	544	602
Balance (incl. retained on farm for other than seed use)	183	401	513	291	355
Closing stocks (incl. flour as wheat) (a)(b)	7,260	7,222	3,404	1,451	478
Total disposals	15,978	17,690	15,090	11,892	7,855
Excess (+) or deficiency (-) of disposals in relation to total available supplies (d)	-237	-117	-22	-22	-30

(a) Held at ports, depots, mills and sidings. (b) Source : Australian Wheat Board. (c) In terms of wheat. (d) Includes allowances for unrecorded movements in stocks, gain or loss in out-turn, etc. and in differences related to the timing of official export statistics.

II. DETAILED WHEAT STATISTICS : STATES

TABLE 3. - WHEAT FOR GRAIN, AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD : 1969-70 TO 1973-74

	Season					Percentage change 1973-74 on 1972-73
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74p	
AREA SOWN ('000 hectares)						
New South Wales	3,489	2,216	2,426	2,618	2,883	10.1
Victoria	1,335	760	1,040	1,087	1,262	16.1
Queensland	609	334	556	471	395	-16.1
South Australia	1,299	802	1,069	986	1,432	45.2
Western Australia	2,747	2,361	2,042	2,437	2,978	22.2
Tasmania	6	4	5	4	3	-25.0
Australian Capital Territory	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	9,486	6,478	7,138	7,604	8,953	17.7
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)						
New South Wales	4,430	3,010	2,410	1,954	3,962	102.8
Victoria	2,274	1,004	1,797	1,249	1,596	27.8
Queensland	405	120	722	405	526	30.0
South Australia	1,610	790	1,407	815	1,795	120.2
Western Australia	1,815	2,957	2,165	2,003	4,211	110.2
Tasmania	10	8	8	8	4	-50.0
Australian Capital Territory	2	1	1	..	..	..
Total	10,547	7,890	8,510	6,436	12,093	88.0
YIELD (tonnes per hectare)						
New South Wales	1.270	1.359	0.993	0.746	1.374	84.2
Victoria	1.703	1.321	1.728	1.149	1.264	10.0
Queensland	0.666	0.359	1.298	0.860	1.332	54.9
South Australia	1.240	0.985	1.317	0.827	1.254	51.6
Western Australia	0.661	1.252	1.060	0.822	1.414	72.0
Tasmania	1.610	1.717	1.829	1.812	1.392	-23.2
Australian Capital Territory	1.817	1.575	1.746	1.242	1.047	-15.7
Total	1.112	1.218	1.192	0.846	1.351	59.7

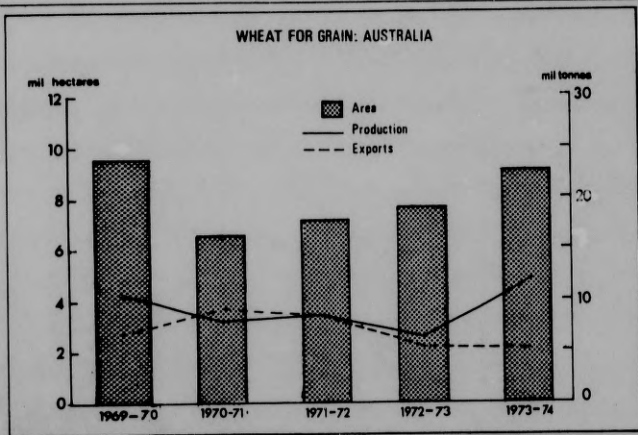


TABLE 4 - WHEAT FOR HAY, AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD : 1969-70 TO 1973-74

	Season					Percentage change 1973-74 on 1972-73
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74p	
AREA SOWN ('000 hectares)						
New South Wales	39	18	31	37	19	-48.6
Victoria	17	8	12	28	8	-71.4
Queensland	13	4	2	4	1	-75.0
South Australia	22	19	15	20	14	-30.0
Western Australia	48	26	20	30	23	-23.3
Tasmania	..	..	..	1	..	-100.0
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	139	76	81	121	66	-45.5
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)						
New South Wales	152	65	84	84	53	-36.9
Victoria	72	32	46	79	22	-72.2
Queensland	35	12	7	9	3	-66.7
South Australia	88	66	61	53	46	-13.2
Western Australia	97	86	65	72	67	-6.9
Tasmania	..	..	2	4	1	-75.0
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	443	260	265	301	191	-36.5
YIELD (tonnes per hectare)						
New South Wales	3.935	3.594	2.753	2.253	2.703	19.8
Victoria	4.256	3.777	3.948	2.816	2.849	1.2
Queensland	2.641	2.976	3.046	1.954	2.190	12.1
South Australia	3.919	3.512	3.957	2.630	3.215	22.2
Western Australia	2.022	3.222	3.234	2.373	2.882	21.4
Tasmania	4.316	3.885	5.097	3.718	4.423	19.0
Australian Capital Territory	4.115	2.240	2.528	..	..	..
Total	3.191	3.433	3.297	2.477	2.903	17.2

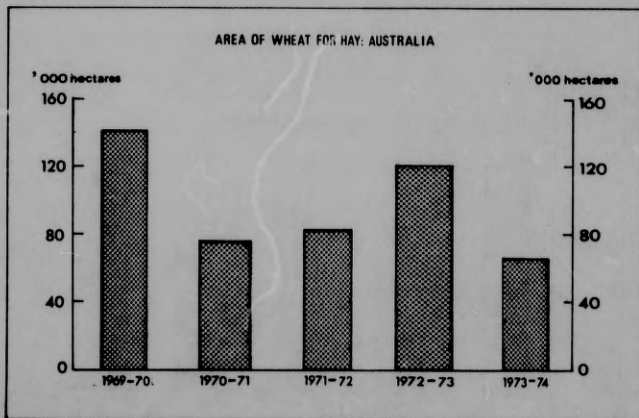


TABLE 5. — AREA OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GREEN FEED, 1969-70 TO 1973-74
('000 hectares)

	Season					Percentage change 1973-74 on 1972-73
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74p	
New South Wales	43	38	18	24	28	16.7
Victoria	..	..	1	2	3	50.0
Queensland	56	29	9	17	11	-35.3
South Australia	3	3	2	1	2	100.0
Western Australia	8	6	5	4	5	25.0
Tasmania	1	..	..	1	1	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	111	77	35	48	50	4.2

TABLE 6. — GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF WHEAT, 1968-69 TO 1972-73
(\$'000)

	Season					Percentage change 1972-73 on 1971-72
	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	
WHEAT FOR GRAIN						
New South Wales	289,061	224,767	153,265*	128,973	103,872	-19.5
Victoria	122,008	112,904	50,270	96,765	68,263	-29.5
Queensland	55,827	19,550	5,813	38,826	21,527	-44.6
South Australia	112,551	82,332	40,562	76,381	44,588	-41.6
Western Australia	151,306	90,961	153,227	115,934	109,399	-5.6
Tasmania	467	507	371	452	402	-11.1
Australian Capital Territory	114	106	42	39	21	-46.1
Total	731,334	531,127	403,550	457,370	348,072	-23.9
WHEATEN HAY						
New South Wales	5,047	3,578	1,399	1,673	2,014	20.4
Victoria	1,035	959	453	515	1,844	258.1
Queensland	580	1,125	347	142	349	145.8
South Australia	1,737	1,407	1,064	976	1,744	78.7
Western Australia	855	2,064	1,591	1,371	2,436	77.7
Tasmania	7	5	5	27	123	355.6
Australian Capital Territory	7	3	3	4	..	-100.0
Total	9,268	9,141	4,862	4,708	8,510	80.0

TABLE 7. — RECEIPTS OF WHEAT BY THE AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD, 1969-70 TO 1973-74
('000 tonnes)

	Year ended 30 November					Percentage change 1973-74 on 1972-73
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74p	
New South Wales	3,966	2,555	2,008	1,455	3,544	143.6
Victoria	2,337	894	1,753	1,169	1,518	29.9
Queensland	326	90	666	325	474	45.8
South Australia	1,516	681	1,306	711	1,672	135.2
Western Australia	1,598	2,712	1,927	1,775	3,989	124.7
Tasmania	5	3	5	4	2	-50.0
Total	9,747	6,935	7,665	5,439	11,199	105.9

TABLE 8. — STOCKS OF WHEAT, AND FLOUR AS WHEAT, 1969 TO 1973

(Source : Australian Wheat Board)

('000 tonnes)

	30 November					Percentage change 1973 on 1972
	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973p	
New South Wales	2,304.1	2,629.3	1,504.7	489.2	175.5	-64.1
Victoria	1,684.5	2,112.2	655.1	399.3	130.3	-67.4
Queensland	185.1	61.7	2.5	25.7	19.7	-23.3
South Australia	1,254.5	1,227.8	430.0	278.9	42.6	-84.7
Western Australia	1,816.1	1,175.0	798.6	244.7	95.9	-60.8
Tasmania	15.5	15.5	13.4	12.9	13.7	6.2
Total	7,259.8	7,221.5	3,404.3	1,450.7	477.7	-67.1

TABLE 9. — PRODUCTION OF FLOUR (FROM WHEAT) (a) 1968-69 TO 1972-73

('000 tonnes)

	Year ended 30 June					Percentage change 1972-73 on 1971-72
	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	
New South Wales	512.9	518.2	532.3	496.6	487.5	- 1.8
Victoria	357.0	356.1	369.5	317.5	290.2	- 8.6
Queensland	151.3	155.3	149.5	151.6	159.2	5.0
South Australia	123.8	132.3	141.2	129.2	113.3	-12.3
Western Australia	98.1	94.2	98.3	86.7	80.8	- 6.8
Tasmania	22.7	22.5	22.2	22.5	24.9	10.7
Total	1,265.8	1,278.6	1,313.0	1,204.2	1,156.0	-4.0

(a) Plain white flour, sharp midds flour and wheatmeal for baking. Includes a small quantity of flour produced in other grain mills.

TABLE 10. — WHEAT VARIETIES: PROPORTIONS SOWN FOR ALL PURPOSES, 1972-73 SEASON

Variety	Per cent	Variety	Per cent
NEW SOUTH WALES			
Timgalen	13.9	Pinnacle	1.2
Olympic	13.8	Tarsa	1.2
Heron	13.6	Mendos	1.1
Falcon	11.4	Spica	0.8
Gatcher	8.2	Bencubbin	0.7
Eagle	8.1	Summit	0.6
Robin	6.2	Dural and Durr	0.5
Garnet	5.7	Emblem	0.5
Gamenya	2.2	Halberd	0.4
Festigny	1.7	Other (a)	5.4
Winglen and Wind	1.6		
Insignia	1.2	Total	100.0
VICTORIA			
Insignia	22.8	Robin	0.5
Olympic	21.4	Sherpa	0.3
Summit	18.3	Beacon	0.2
Halberd	12.3	Falcon	0.2
Heron	7.7	Quadrat	0.2
Pinnacle	5.9	Sabre	0.1
Emblem	5.8	Stockade	0.1
Insignia 49	4.1	Other (a)	0.1
		Total	100.0

TABLE 10. — WHEAT VARIETIES : PROPORTIONS SOWN FOR ALL PURPOSES, 1972-73 SEASON — *continued*

Variety	Per cent	Variety	Per cent
QUEENSLAND			
Gatcher	30.1	Gala	0.6
Mendos	21.5	Windebri	0.2
Garnut	18.2	Gabo	0.1
Timgalen	13.1	Hopps	0.1
Spica	9.6	Oxley	..
Tusa	3.1	Other	0.9
Festiguay	2.5	Total	100.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA			
Halberd	45.2	Festiguay	0.3
Heron	15.1	Mendos	0.3
Gabo	8.4	Claymore	0.2
Insignia (incl. Insignia 49)	6.5	Olympic	0.2
Raven	4.1	Wongoondy	0.2
Dirk (incl. Dirk 49)	3.9	Mengavi	0.1
Glaive	3.1	Stockade	0.1
Gamenya	3.0	Eagle	0.1
Sabre	1.9	Other — Specified	1.1
Falcon	1.5	Other — Not Specified	2.2
Pinnacle	1.2		
Timgalen	0.7		
Summit	0.6	Total	100.0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA			
Gamenya	62.5	Gluclub	0.5
Falcon	13.6	Olympic	0.5
Insignia	4.9	Glaive	0.4
Heron	3.4	Festiguay	0.3
Insignia 49	2.1	Kondut	0.3
Gabo	1.6	Robin	0.3
Emblem	1.4	Wongoondy	0.3
Darkan	1.2	Baroota Wonder	0.2
Garnut	1.1	Raven	0.2
Timgalen	1.0	Mengavi	0.1
Bokal	0.8	Noongar	0.1
Bencubbin	0.7	Wagin	0.1
Bungulla	0.7	Other (a)	1.2
Gatcher	0.5	Total	100.0

(a) Includes 'Not Stated'.

III. EXPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR

TABLE 11. - EXPORTS OF WHEAT: AUSTRALIA, 1969-70 to 1973-74
(^{000 tonnes})

Country of consignment	Year ended 30 June -				
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974p
Bangladesh (a)	..	..	13.9	52.6	241.7
Chile	79.2	196.8	296.9	508.7	303.1
China, Peoples' Republic	2,517.1	1,310.1	..	324.0	1,163.1
Egypt, Arab Republic	..	1,274.8	1,801.1	777.0	714.6
Germany, Democratic Republic	..	113.6	169.9	135.1	..
Germany, Federal Republic	14.8	23.2	273.0	..	..
Hong Kong	56.0	97.9	59.5	59.9	27.5
India	118.2	116.1	55.2	..	666.1
Indonesia	..	..	104.6	71.6	114.6
Iran	0.5	295.2	396.8	..	..
Iraq	55.7	436.5	191.6	..	116.4
Japan	1,014.1	821.0	1,466.3	751.8	427.6
Korea, Democratic Peoples' Republic	67.4	29.5	50.4	..	104.7
Kuwait	82.4	103.2	104.0	90.7	99.7
Lebanon	84.8	71.9	116.9	18.4	37.3
Malaysia	283.1	312.3	310.0	299.5	314.8
Pakistan, Islamic Republic	149.6	159.0	30.3	18.5	23.0
Peru	150.1	157.3	155.4	82.6	88.0
Saudi Arabia	71.0	104.0	106.5	40.3	88.5
Singapore	208.9	277.3	133.6	175.2	166.9
Sri Lanka	70.5	70.7	70.5	101.5	84.5
Taiwan	25.5	138.8	143.3	164.1	26.1
Thailand	40.9	37.4	45.5	53.5	45.1
United Kingdom	1,024.5	1,744.6	573.2	520.1	..
U.S.S.R.	..	..	502.4	907.5	17.5
Yemen Arab Republic	18.4	49.6	99.3	45.6	35.5
Zambia	56.9	77.9	89.7	62.4	54.8
Other countries (b)	696.5	1,069.9	1,099.7	130.4	171.0
Total	6,886.1	9,088.6	8,459.5	5,391.0	5,132.1

(a) Formerly East Pakistan. Separate figures available from 1 March 1972. (b) Includes particulars of shipments made 'for orders' which could not be classified to country of consignment at the time of export.

TABLE 12. - EXPORTS OF FLOUR (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1969-70 TO 1973-74
(Tonnes)

Country of consignment	Year ended 30 June -				
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974p
Barbados	476	680	695	875	387
Burma Socialist Republic	10,031	..	8,940	3,993	2,881
Egypt, Arab Republic	..	..	..	408	393
Fiji	31,409	33,631	33,948	31,606	8,815
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	1,820	1,611	1,737	1,876	1,995
Malawi	8,068	10,894	11,756	4,326	..
Mauritius	18,296	13,542	17,295	17,517	17,156
New Caledonia	299	1,531	1,836	21,899	666
New Hebrides	1,202	1,230	1,085	1,364	972
Oman	..	4,727	6,204	5,169	6,599
Papua New Guinea	18,432	21,408	19,521	19,567	18,538
Philippines	1,745	1,597	786	8,179	8,154
Polynesia (French)	145	214	149	209	175
Qatar	5,185	5,874	7,124	1,705	..
Samoa, American	538	367	497	732	504
Samoa, Western	..	2,333	2,502	2,519	3,108
Saudi Arabia	7,178	10,570	9,530	10,017	11,029
Seychelles	1,066	938	1,239	1,231	850
Solomon Islands	1,726	1,976	1,724	2,105	1,308
Sri Lanka	89,196	85,020	14,911	13,524	21,715
Thailand	3,976	4,355	3,092	1,898	956
Timor	1,883	2,075	2,075	2,774	12,308
Tonga	3,845	2,979	3,402	4,089	3,225
Union of Arab Emirates	14,855	18,072	17,951	23,176	26,183
United Kingdom	6,902	6,759	4,813	1,909	..
Other countries (b)	94,628	68,484	23,696	1,948	3,641
Total	322,901	300,867	196,508	184,615	151,558

(a) Plain white and self-raising flour, sharps and wholemeal for baking. (b) Includes particulars of shipments made 'for orders' which could not be classified to country of consignment at the time of export.

IV. WHEAT PRICES

TABLE 13. - HOME CONSUMPTION PRICES (a)(b), 1969-70 TO 1973-74
(dollars per tonne)

Utilisation	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Human consumption	63.38	63.93	65.40	67.63	71.10
Manufacture of flour for industrial use	52.73	53.28	54.75	56.98	
Stockfeed (basic)	55.12	56.95	58.79	67.63	
Stockfeed (where purchaser undertakes to buy entire season's requirements from Wheat Board)	52.73	53.28	54.75	56.98	

(a) Australian Wheat Board basic selling prices for Australian standard white bulk wheat, f.o.b. (ports) basis. (b) Includes a loading of \$0.59 per tonne in 1969-70, \$0.55 in 1970-71, \$0.44 in 1971-72, \$0.83 in 1972-73 and \$0.69 in 1973-74 to meet freight charges on wheat shipped to Tasmania.

NOTE. - The term "Australian Standard White (A.S.W.)" has replaced "fair quality (f.a.q.)"

TABLE 14. - MONTHLY EXPORT WHEAT PRICES (a) : JULY 1969 TO JUNE 1974
(dollars per tonne)

Month	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
July	50.89	46.99	52.50	49.05	92.46
August	50.11	47.40	51.53	51.17	131.91
September	48.46	49.19	49.88	61.18	138.98
October	48.46	50.94	48.92	71.52	134.57
November	48.46	51.99	48.55	73.99	134.67
December	48.46	52.27	48.13	83.09	134.94
January	48.13	53.19	47.95	82.44	141.92
February	48.13	52.87	47.95	72.52	148.31
March	47.49	52.87	47.95	70.18	150.74
April	46.99	52.68	48.73	70.23	149.27
May	46.85	52.50	48.96	73.90	123.76
June	47.03	52.31	48.69	83.13	110.23

(a) Australian Wheat Board average basis f.o.b. price quoted for A.S.W. bulk wheat. Much of the wheat exported is sold under contract for delivery over lengthy periods and, therefore, the prices shown do not necessarily reflect the prices received for all wheat shipped during the months shown.

V. PAYMENTS TO FARMERS

Prior to 1969, the amount of the first advance was announced by the Minister for Agriculture before or at an early stage of the harvest. Since wheat quotas were introduced in 1969 the amount of the first advance has been announced before planting. This advance is made possible by a loan from the Reserve Bank of Australia on the security of an Australian Government guarantee. It is payable by the Australian Wheat Board on receipt of growers' claims. Additional payments are made from each Pool after sufficient funds have accrued to the Board from sales realisations to liquidate the Pool debt and leave a balance for disbursement to growers.

TABLE 15. - WHEAT POOL PAYMENTS TO FARMERS UP TO 18 JUNE 1974, POOLS 1969-70 TO 1973-74
(dollars per tonne)

Nature of payment	Pool				
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
First advance (a)(b)	40.42	40.42	40.42	40.40	(c)44.09
Second payment	(d)1.84	(e)1.84	(f)2.20	(g)3.00	
Third payment	(h)	(h)(j)1.84	(h)(j)2.20	(h)	

(a) Less individual farmers' rail freight to terminals. (b) Paid on receipt of farmers' claims. (c) Includes special incentive payment of \$3.67 per tonne. (d) Date of payment 5.6.73. (e) Date of payment 6.11.73. (f) Date of payment 20.11.73. (g) Date of payment 18.6.74. (h) Further payments are expected. (i) Date of payment 24.3.74. (j) Date of payment 14.5.74.

VI. MARKETING OF WHEAT IN AUSTRALIA

Wartime Marketing and Wheat Stabilisation Plans. Details of the wartime marketing of wheat and of the Wheat Stabilisation Plans of 1948-49 to 1952-53, 1953-54 to 1957-58, 1958-59 to 1962-63 and 1963-64 to 1967-68 are given in previous issues of this bulletin.

Wheat Industry Stabilisation Plans, 1968-69 to 1973-74. The fifth post-war Wheat Industry Stabilisation Plan was enacted by the Australian and State governments towards the end of 1968. While in some respects this plan was on much the same lines as those preceding it an important variation was made, namely, the breaking of the traditional link between the assessed cost of production, the home consumption price and the guaranteed price. Another change was the increase of the guaranteed export quantity of wheat from 4.08 million tonnes to 5.44 million tonnes from each season's crop. The plan was extended for a further year to cover the 1973-74 crop pending a review of stabilisation agreements. Details of the plan were given in the previous issue of this bulletin.

Wheat Industry Stabilisation Plan, 1974-75 to 1979-80. The sixth post-war Wheat Industry Stabilisation Plan was agreed to by the industry and the Australian and State Governments. Federal Legislation was introduced to the House of Representatives on 17 July 1974. Complementary legislation has been enacted by State Governments as some aspects of the plan rely on State law for their operation. The new plan abandoned the concept of *guaranteed price* replacing it with a *stabilised price* related to movements in the international wheat market. Details of the guaranteed price operating under the former plan are given in previous issues of this bulletin. The main features of the new stabilisation plan are set out below:

- (i) *Period of the plan.* The Plan is to operate for 5 years commencing 1 October 1974. The Australian Wheat Board's marketing powers will be extended for two seasons beyond the duration of the Stabilisation Plan to enable continuity of the Board's operations to be maintained.
- (ii) *Stabilisation Price.* For the 1974-75 season the price is set at \$73.49 per tonne F.O.B. The price will be adjusted for each of the next four succeeding seasons by application of the formula.

$$SP_2 = SP_1 + \left[\frac{EP_2 - A_1}{4} \right]$$

where SP_2 = stabilisation price for the current season

SP_1 = stabilisation price for the season immediately preceding the current season

EP_2 = the average export price for the current season; and A_1 equals one-half the sum of the average export price for the season immediately preceding the current season and the stabilisation price for the immediately preceding season.

- (iii) *Average Export Price.* The average price, F.O.B. equivalent, contracted to be paid for all exported wheat.
- (iv) *Operation of the Stabilisation Fund.* The Stabilisation Fund will commence with a credit balance (estimated at \$48m) equal to the amount to be contributed as charge on wheat exports for the 1973-74 season.
- (a) *Industry contributions to the Fund:* When the average price for all exports of a season is above the stabilisation price set for that season, and above \$55.12 per tonne F.O.B., growers will contribute to the fund up to \$30m or \$5.51 per tonne, whichever is the lower, *subject to*, the growers' contribution not exceeding an amount which would bring the final price, that is, the average export price less the contribution to the fund, down to \$55.12 per tonne. If the aggregate of the growers' contributions plus the interest earning should at any time take the fund to a credit in excess of \$80m, the excess will be refunded to the Wheat Board for distribution to the earliest contributing pool.

(b) Payment from the Fund: When the average price for all exports of a season is below the stabilisation price set for that season, growers will receive from the fund payments necessary to lift the average price for all exports of the season to the stabilisation price, *subject to*,

(1) maximum payment per season of \$30m or \$5.51 per tonne, whichever is the lower, and

(2) the payment not exceeding an amount which will bring the final price, that is the average export price plus the payment from the fund, to \$73.49 per tonne. A qualification is that should the credit of the fund reach \$80m, this restriction on payments from the fund will not apply for the ensuing period of the plan.

(c) Government support for the Fund: If, in any season, the fund contains an insufficient level of industry contributions to meet payments required to be made from the fund in that season, the Government will contribute to the fund for monies necessary to meet the deficiency, *subject to*,

(1) any Government contribution to the fund being repaid to the Government from industry contributions and subsequent seasons of the plan period before those industry contributions are accumulated in the fund, and

(2) the net Government contribution to the fund over the 5 seasons not exceeding \$80m.

The Government has agreed that any outstanding Government contributions not recouped by the end of the fifth season, will be written-off. Provision for this has not been included in the bill as it is considered that this is not a matter to be covered by legislation. Details of the former stabilisation fund are given in previous issues of this bulletin.

(v) *Home consumption price.* The home consumption price arrangements will continue on the existing basis except that the Bill in authorising the Minister to determine, in consultation with the State Ministers, the price at which the basic wheat shall be sold by the Board on the domestic market, will do so on the same basis that it will be a single price for wheat for all purposes.

The home consumption price in each year commencing on 1 December will be adjusted on the base level of \$70.41 per tonne, being the 1973-74 price (less the Tasmanian freight loading), according to movements in cash costs, and in rail freight and handling charges.

(vi) *Tasmanian freight loading.* Continuing provision will be made for the Board to recoup in the home consumption price the cost of the supply of wheat from the mainland to Tasmania, but on the basis that the Board will be empowered to take such steps, as are practicable, to recoup from Tasmanian interests the freight costs of the wheat equivalent of any products made from wheat of mainland origin and exported from Tasmania to the mainland.

(viii) *Nomenclature.* The term *fair average quality* (f.a.q.) has been replaced by the term *Australian Standard White* which means wheat other than wheat classified by or on behalf of the Australian Wheat Board as prime hard, hard, durum or soft biscuit wheat or as having a defect quality.

Wheat Delivery Quotas. Because of a world over-supply of wheat, the Australian wheat industry encountered serious problems in storing and marketing the unprecedented intake of wheat from the 1968-69 harvest. Realising that another large crop in 1969-70 would compound these problems, the Australian Wheat Growers' Federation formulated a plan in March 1969 aimed at bringing production to manageable levels. The essential features of the proposals were:

(i) Quotas would be imposed on deliveries to the Australian Wheat Board in each State commencing with the 1969-70 season. Basic State quotas totalled 9.36 million tonnes, and similar provisions were made for subsequent years as shown in Table 16.

(ii) Provision was also made for the allocation of an additional quota of 0.35 million tonnes in respect of the intake of Prime Hard wheat, if such wheat were available, from New South Wales and Queensland. Similar provisions were made in subsequent years, details of which are shown in Table 16.

(iii) A first advance payment of \$40.42 per tonne would be made on all wheat from the 1969-70 crop delivered to the Australian Wheat Board within the limits of the quota system.

The scheme was supported by the wheat industry in all States, by the State and Australian Governments, and by the Reserve Bank, and was duly put into effect for the 1969-70 season. For constitutional reasons, responsibility for implementing the Federation's proposals for quotas on deliveries within the several States rests with the State Governments.

The method of allocation of quotas to individual growers varies from State to State but, in general, is based on average deliveries by growers over a recent period. The State basic and additional quotas which applied from the 1970-71 to 1973-74 seasons, and those agreed to by all parties for 1974-75 are shown in Table 16.

To stimulate wheat production for the 1973-74 season two measures were introduced. The first provided for the establishment of a contingency quota of 544,000 tonnes, additional to the national quota of 14 million tonnes, to be available, as determined by the Australian Minister for Agriculture, to any State which achieved deliveries in excess of its quota. However, all States except Western Australia, failed to reach their quota. The other was the provision of a special incentive payment of \$3.67 per tonne to be made in addition to the first advance payment to growers.

The 1947-75 national quota will be the same as for 1973-74, 14 million tonnes; however, the contingency quota has been increased from 0.544 million tonnes in 1973-74, to 2 million tonnes for 1974-75.

TABLE 16. - WHEAT DELIVERY QUOTAS, SEASONS 1970-71 TO 1974-75
(⁰⁰⁰ tonnes)

Quota	State	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
Basic	New South Wales	2,694	3,102	4,028	5,030	5,030
	Victoria	1,415	1,551	1,823	2,490	2,490
	Queensland	680	735	871	1,012	1,012
	South Australia	979	1,089	1,252	1,886	1,886
	Western Australia	2,259	2,068	2,585	3,065	3,065
	Total	8,027	8,545	10,559	13,483	13,483
Additional	New South Wales - Prime Hard	327	327	191	191	191
	Durum	..	54	54	54	54
	Queensland - Prime Hard	299	299	163	163	163
	South Australia - Southern Hard	..	..	109	109	109
	Total	626	680	517	517	517
	Grand Total	8,653	9,225	11,076	(a)14,000	(a)14,000

(a) In addition, a contingency quota was established (See Wheat Delivery Quotas, above).

Grades of Wheat. From 1966-67, Australian wheat has been marketed under distinct classifications, each of which reflects the climatic and growing characteristics of its region of origin and also the particular characteristics of the varieties of wheat cultivated. Details of the standard weights of the principal grades of wheat for the seasons 1969-70 to 1973-74 are given in the following table.

TABLE 17. — AUSTRALIAN STANDARD WEIGHTS FOR PRINCIPAL GRADES, 1969-70 TO 1973-74
(kilograms per hectolitre)
(Source : Australian Wheat Board)

State and Grade	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
New South Wales -					
Prime Hard	77.7	78.6	78.3	78.0	77.0
Northern Hard	78.0	78.6	79.6	81.5	76.4
South-Western A.S.W.	78.6	77.4	78.3	80.5	76.0
Victoria -					
A.S.W.	81.7	81.1	80.5	82.3	77.6
Queensland -					
Prime Hard	80.5	79.6	78.6	80.2	76.3
Hard	79.2	78.6	(a)	76.2	(a)
Southern Prime Hard	(a)	(a)	79.2	(a)	(a)
South Australia -					
Hard	78.3	77.7	76.8	80.7	77.0
A.S.W.	78.6	78.6	78.3	81.6	76.0
Western Australia -					
A.S.W.	78.6	79.9	79.9	78.6	77.8

(a) Not fixed.

NOTE. "Australian Standard White (A.S.W.)" has replaced the former term "fair average quality (f.a.q.)"

VII. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

International Wheat Agreements, 1949 to 1968. Full details of the five International Wheat agreements covering the years 1949-53, 1953-56, 1956-59, 1959-62 and 1962-68 have been given in issues of this bulletin prior to 1970-71.

International Grains Arrangement, 1968 to 1971. The International Grains Arrangement operated for three years from 1 July 1968. Details of the Arrangement are given in the previous issue of this publication.

International Wheat Agreement, 1971. The International Wheat Agreement came into force on 1 July 1971 for a period of three years, and commencing on 1 July 1974 was extended by protocol for another year. The form of the 1967 International Grains Arrangement was continued, the Agreement comprising two separate legal instruments, namely the Wheat Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention.

The Wheat Trade Convention ensured that the machinery for consultation and co-operation on wheat marketing existing under earlier agreements was maintained. The administrative body, the International Wheat Council, continued in existence. The Convention provided for the continuation of the full reporting and recording of all commercial and concessional transactions in wheat and flour.

The 1971 Wheat Trade Convention differed in an important aspect from earlier agreements in that it contained no specific pricing provisions, but the agreement specifically provided that when prices and related rights and obligations were judged capable of successful negotiation, the International Wheat Council arranged a further conference with the objective of bringing them into effect. In addition, the Advisory Sub-Committee on Market Conditions kept the wheat market under continuous review. This Sub-Committee reported to the Executive Committee of the Council if it considered that a situation of market instability had arisen, or threatened to arise. The Executive Committee then reviewed the situation to try and find mutually acceptable solutions.

With the entry of U.S.S.R. and Brazil, which were not members of the 1967 I.G.A., all major wheat trading nations except the Peoples' Republic of China participated in the Wheat Trade Convention.

The 1971 Food Aid Convention was basically unchanged from the previous arrangement. Under this Convention a number of developed countries, importers and exporters alike, continued to provide developing countries with food aid in the form of grains or flour for human consumption. Australia's contribution remained unchanged at 225,000 tonnes annually (8,267,000 bushels of wheat). Since the 1971 convention had fewer members and total annual contributions had fallen from 4,259,000 tonnes to 3,974,000 tonnes, Australia's share had risen marginally to some 5.6 per cent.

Several minor changes have been incorporated in the Food Aid Convention. A clause provided that in exceptional cases, and on request, limited quantities of rice would be included in the programme. Also sales on credit terms of 20 years or more would be eligible to be counted against aid commitments provided that maximum use was made of the other eligible forms of aid such as grants and sales for non-transferable local currency.

A summary of trade in wheat and wheat flour by member countries of the International Wheat Council for the years 1968-69 to 1972-73 is shown in the following table.

TABLE 18. - SUMMARY OF TRADE IN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR (a)(b) BY MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL, JULY-JUNE CROP YEARS 1968-69 TO 1972-73
(Source: *Annual Report* - International Wheat Council)
(million tonnes)

<i>Distribution of trade</i>	<i>1968-69</i>	<i>1969-70</i>	<i>1970-71</i>	<i>1971-72</i>	<i>1972-73p</i>
Commercial transactions -					
Between member countries	18.6	19.2	22.2	26.3	41.2
With non-member countries	10.3	13.4	11.3	8.8	16.2
<i>Total commercial transactions</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>32.6</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>35.1</i>	<i>57.4</i>
Special transactions (c) -					
Between member countries	5.4	6.2	6.1	5.2	2.9
With non-member countries	5.3	5.7	7.5	6.7	3.0
<i>Total special transactions</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>
<i>Total commercial and special transactions.</i>	<i>39.6</i>	<i>44.5</i>	<i>47.2</i>	<i>47.0</i>	<i>63.3</i>

(a) In terms of wheat. (b) Excludes EEC intra-Community trade. (c) Defined for the purposes of the International Wheat Agreement as non-commercial transactions.

VIII. WORLD WHEAT STATISTICS

TABLE 19. - ESTIMATED WORLD PRODUCTION BY REGIONS, 1969-70 TO 1973-74
(Source for countries other than Australia: *World Wheat Statistics - International Wheat Council*)

NOTE. Harvests in the northern hemisphere occur in the first of the years mentioned in the column headings and, in the southern hemisphere, at the end of that year and the beginning of the next; e.g. in 1973-74 the Canadian harvest occurred from August to September 1973 and the Australian harvest from October 1973 to February 1974.

('000 tonnes)					
Continent or region	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Africa	7,170	8,280	8,920	9,840	8,900
Asia	68,540	72,150	76,200	84,200	80,100
Europe	70,881	66,886	81,248	81,887	82,100
North and Central America	60,535	47,995	60,160	58,393	65,535
Oceania (including Australia)	11,113	8,214	8,930	6,782	(a) 12,341
South America	10,250	8,690	9,750	10,340	9,530
U.S.S.R.	79,917	99,664	98,760	85,800	109,700
Total world	308,406	311,879	343,968	337,242	368,206

(a) Includes latest estimate for Australia of 12,093,000 tonnes.

TABLE 20. - SUPPLIES AND DISPOSITION IN THE FIVE MAJOR EXPORTING REGIONS, 1968-69 TO 1972-73
(Source for countries other than Australia: *World Wheat Statistics - International Wheat Council*)

(million tonnes)							
Year	Supplies			Domestic use (incl. food, seed, feed, etc.)	Surplus over domestic utilisation	Net exports	Closing stocks
	Opening stocks	Production	Total (a)				
ARGENTINA (DECEMBER TO NOVEMBER)							
1968-69	1.0	5.7	7.1	4.4	2.7	2.5	0.3
1969-70	0.3	7.0	7.3	4.3	3.0	2.3	0.8
1970-71	0.8	4.9	5.7	4.2	1.5	0.8	0.7
1971-72	0.7	5.7	6.4	4.3	2.1	1.6	0.5
1972-73	0.5	7.9	8.7	5.6	3.1	3.1	0.1
AUSTRALIA (DECEMBER TO NOVEMBER)							
1968-69	1.4	14.8	16.2	2.3	(b)13.7	6.4	7.3
1969-70	7.3	10.5	17.8	2.4	(b)15.3	8.1	7.2
1970-71	7.2	7.9	15.1	2.7	(b)13.5	9.1	3.4
1971-72	3.4	8.5	11.9	2.8	9.1	7.7	1.5
1972-73	1.5	6.4	7.9	3.2	4.6	4.2	0.5
CANADA (AUGUST TO JULY)							
1968-69	18.1	17.7	35.8	4.3	31.5	8.3	23.2
1969-70	23.2	18.6	41.8	4.9	36.9	9.4	27.5
1970-71	27.5	9.0	36.5	4.6	31.9	11.8	20.0
1971-72	20.0	14.4	34.4	4.8	29.6	13.7	15.9
1972-73	15.9	14.5	30.4	4.7	25.7	15.7	9.9
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AUGUST TO JULY)							
1968-69	7.7	36.8	53.0	38.2	14.8	5.7	9.1
1969-70	9.1	35.7	52.4	39.6	12.8	7.3	5.5
1970-71	5.5	34.8	50.3	40.6	9.7	3.6	6.1
1971-72	6.1	40.1	52.9	40.2	12.7	5.3	7.5
1972-73	7.5	41.5	55.8	42.7	13.1	6.5	6.6
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (JULY TO JUNE)							
1968-69	14.7	42.4	57.1	20.0	37.1	14.8	22.2
1969-70	22.2	39.3	61.6	21.0	40.6	16.5	24.1
1970-71	24.1	36.8	60.9	20.9	40.0	20.1	19.9
1971-72	19.9	44.0	64.0	23.3	40.7	17.2	23.5
1972-73	23.5	42.0	65.6	21.4	44.2	32.2	11.9
TOTAL FIVE MAJOR EXPORTERS							
1968-69	42.8	117.4	169.2	69.2	100.0	37.7	62.1
1969-70	62.1	111.2	181.0	72.2	108.8	43.6	65.1
1970-71	65.1	93.4	168.5	73.0	95.5	45.4	50.1
1971-72	50.1	112.7	169.6	75.3	94.3	45.5	48.8
1972-73	48.8	111.4	168.3	77.0	90.6	61.6	29.0

(a) Includes imports. (b) Includes allowance for unrecorded movements in stocks, gain or loss in out-turn, etc.

TABLE 21. - WORLD EXPORTS OF WHEAT, AND WHEAT FLOUR IN TERMS OF WHEAT, 1969-70 TO 1973-74
(Source: *Review of the World Wheat Situation* - International Wheat Council)
(^{000 tonnes})

Year and primary destination	Exporting countries							Total
	Argentina	Australia	Canada	E.E.C.	U.S.A.	U.S.S.R.	Others	
1969-70	2,100	7,300	9,000	7,200	16,500	5,900	2,300	50,300
1970-71	1,700	9,500	11,600	3,100	19,800	7,100	1,100	53,700
1971-72	1,323	8,660	13,716	4,656	16,907	5,478	1,543	52,233
1972-73	3,510	5,562	15,648	6,525	31,992	1,303	2,949	67,489
1973-74p								
Algeria	65	..	390	91	1,046	..	8	1,600
Argentina	..	..	..	..	493	..	..	493
Bangladesh	73	277	341	245	730	..	50	1,716
Bolivia	120	..	..	24	90	..	..	234
Brazil	109	..	799	..	1,559	..	..	2,467
Chile	177	303	..	24	600	..	29	1,133
China, Peoples' Republic	..	1,239	1,367	26	3,190	..	9	5,831
Cuba	..	..	622	..	..	200	..	822
Czechoslovakia	..	..	..	11	..	900	100	1,011
E.E.C. (incl. U.K.)	379	..	3,535	..	3,082	..	355	7,351
Egypt, Arab Republic	..	736	..	1,230	798	..	425	3,189
Fiji	..	48	..	..	..	..	..	48
German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	..	..	1,350	173	1,523
India	..	693	354	2	1,620	1,035	..	3,704
Indonesia	..	135	75	75	315	..	18	618
Iran	..	..	..	..	584	..	..	584
Iraq	..	116	1	..	459	..	..	576
Japan	32	472	1,692	..	3,067	..	3	5,266
Korea, Democratic Peoples' Republic	..	105	99	550	..	200	24	978
Korea, Republic	..	..	..	6	1,588	..	..	1,596
Kuwait	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	112
Lebanon	..	37	173	79	148	..	20	457
Malaysia	..	291	16	3	16	..	10	336
Mexico	..	..	40	..	704	..	15	759
Morocco	..	..	1	285	599	..	3	888
New Zealand	..	65	..	1	..	..	..	66
Pakistan, Islamic Republic	..	23	349	61	544	..	10	987
Peru	..	88	150	30	490	..	..	758
Philippines	..	16	93	13	385	..	3	510
Poland	..	..	109	34	509	1,050	56	1,758
Saudi Arabia	..	102	16	76	154	..	..	348
Singapore	..	148	1	2	78	..	4	233
Sri Lanka	..	109	16	403	94	..	46	668
Taiwan	..	26	..	..	849	..	..	875
Thailand	..	47	2	1	26	..	3	79
Turkey	..	..	94	50	329	..	224	697
Venezuela	..	..	6	..	607	..	..	613
Yugoslavia	..	..	60	..	342	..	363	765
Zambia	..	57	45	3	..	..	..	105
Other countries	228	262	1,291	1,994	5,973	300	1,126	11,174
Total, 1973-74	1,183	5,509	11,737	5,319	31,068	5,035	3,077	62,928

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE 22. — NUMBER OF RURAL HOLDINGS BY AREA OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN, 1972-73

Statistical Division	Area of wheat for grain (hectares)															Holdings with wheat for grain	Holdings with no wheat for grain	Total number of holdings
	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-74	75-99	100-149	150-199	200-249	250-299	300-399	400-499	500-999	1,000-1,499	1,500 and over		
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
Sydney	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4,480	
Outer Sydney	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3,402	
Hunter	35	32	27	17	36	36	10	25	6	4	2	2	..	..	..	1	233	
Illawarra	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	
North Coast	26	6	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	12,529	
Northern	167	226	271	161	267	318	326	482	297	308	146	184	129	167	34	30	3,513	
North-Western	74	105	165	131	240	317	378	544	358	290	125	148	96	73	12	1	3,057	
Central West	163	187	198	141	250	409	433	770	611	485	229	263	112	122	9	4	4,386	
South Eastern	100	74	78	55	61	107	95	100	72	23	11	12	5	5	..	..	798	
Murrumbidgee	79	90	276	193	301	510	495	755	414	253	125	116	79	69	5	2	3,762	
Murray	67	151	266	189	287	394	279	360	161	120	49	60	52	28	6	1	2,470	
Far West	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	507	
Total	712	872	1,285	888	1,442	2,092	2,016	3,036	1,919	1,483	687	786	473	464	66	39	18,260	
VICTORIA																		
Melbourne	17	19	26	12	6	10	5	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	103	
West Central	91	65	39	19	17	18	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	256	
North Central	64	48	46	24	28	18	7	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	244	
Western	165	156	143	61	57	75	22	22	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	710	
Wimmera	85	134	194	182	318	583	595	721	327	168	62	58	17	4	..	1	3,449	
Malee	7	10	27	23	56	150	173	423	380	329	189	206	112	78	6	..	2,169	
Northern	108	284	322	252	352	468	335	409	163	93	36	36	18	13	..	..	2,889	
North Eastern	70	77	99	68	83	88	50	37	9	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	588	
Gippsland	2	3	2	1	7	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	
East Central	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Total	609	796	898	642	925	1,412	1,190	1,625	892	600	288	302	147	95	6	1	10,428	
QUEENSLAND																		
Brisbane	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,549	
Moreton	187	24	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	217	
Maryborough	69	38	30	14	9	5	1	3	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	174	
Downs	220	225	179	117	195	252	253	384	237	178	87	106	72	72	16	7	2,600	
Roma	3	9	13	4	16	19	24	29	21	16	7	7	6	3	1	..	178	
South Western	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Rockhampton	62	72	55	30	40	77	55	82	53	48	15	14	12	5	2	1	623	
Central Western	3	..	2	..	1	2	4	18	17	14	5	3	4	3	..	..	76	
Far Western	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mackay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Townsville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cairns	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Peninsula	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
North Western	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total	547	368	282	167	261	356	337	516	329	257	116	131	94	83	19	8	3,871	

TABLE 22. — NUMBER OF RURAL HOLDINGS BY AREA OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN, 1972-73 — continued

Statistical Division	Area of wheat for grain (hectares)															Holdings with wheat for grain	Holdings with no wheat for grain	Total number of holdings	
	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-74	75-99	100-149	150-199	200-249	250-299	300-399	400-499	500-999	1,000-1,499	1,500 and over			
SOUTH AUSTRALIA																			
Adelaide	35	13	8	5	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	4,319	4,386
Central	74	133	185	171	215	424	358	377	149	73	29	23	7	2	..	..	2,220	907	3,127
Kangaroo Island	17	11	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	432	467
Mt. Lofty Ranges	121	147	142	106	89	119	57	43	5	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	840	4,691	5,531
Murray	64	126	180	149	187	300	210	284	126	96	36	36	12	4	1	..	1,811	4,222	6,033
South East	58	67	73	53	70	100	56	41	20	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	544	3,917	4,461
Eyre	16	31	44	31	67	116	119	274	268	279	179	228	145	110	6	1	1,914	421	2,335
Northern	46	76	89	80	152	251	262	247	93	59	15	22	10	2	1	..	1,405	941	2,346
Far Northern	2	3	2	3	6	3	5	8	5	7	5	2	4	2	..	..	57	258	315
Total	433	607	728	600	788	1,315	1,069	1,274	666	523	268	315	178	120	8	1	8,893	20,108	29,001
WESTERN AUSTRALIA																			
Perth	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3,353	3,356
South West	24	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	4,050	4,080
Southern Agricultural	78	62	79	45	89	152	170	292	231	193	95	136	74	74	3	..	1,773	2,624	4,397
Central Agricultural	92	98	110	98	125	200	197	385	349	406	281	452	388	519	103	36	3,839	709	4,548
Northern Agricultural	28	29	40	31	64	99	149	263	235	255	171	282	217	303	50	24	2,240	806	3,046
Eastern Goldfields	4	15	15	12	28	35	52	72	62	81	44	65	60	93	21	15	674	440	1,114
Central	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	153	156
North West	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	301	301
Kimberley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	131
Total	228	206	247	187	306	487	568	1,012	877	935	594	935	739	989	177	75	8,562	12,567	21,129
TASMANIA																			
Hobart	11	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	682	699
Southern	54	20	7	4	2	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	2,458	2,552
Northern	81	38	12	9	1	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	3,004	3,154
Mersey-Lyell	31	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	3,297	3,329
Total	177	62	22	13	3	7	3	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	293	9,441	9,734

TABLE 23. - RURAL HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AREA OF HOLDING AND AREA OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN, 31 MARCH 1973

Area of Holding (hectares)	Area of wheat for grain (hectares)																Holdings with wheat for grain	Holdings with no wheat for grain	Total number of holdings
	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-74	75-99	100- 149	150- 199	200- 249	250- 299	300- 399	400- 499	500- 999	1,000- 1,499	1,500 and over			
AUSTRALIA (a)																			
1 - 4	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	17,713	17,731
5 - 9	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	42	13,073	13,115
10 - 19	94	38	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	135	16,110	16,245
20 - 29	75	32	21	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	10,233	10,364
30 - 39	106	45	12	14	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	178	8,764	8,942
40 - 49	97	50	20	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180	9,465	9,645
50 - 74	156	133	65	19	12	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	429	17,397	17,826
75 - 99	185	132	118	39	41	20	17	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	554	12,753	13,307
100 - 124	166	137	119	74	54	37	23	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	618	9,509	10,127
125 - 149	157	220	198	130	123	115	40	36	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1,020	8,309	9,329
150 - 199	259	338	350	231	290	259	134	52	14	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1,930	10,879	12,809
200 - 249	197	290	432	323	457	561	267	160	33	7	..	1	..	1	..	..	2,729	8,174	10,903
250 - 299	180	249	347	294	426	667	459	310	63	23	7	..	..	1	..	..	3,026	6,205	9,231
300 - 399	219	322	442	379	576	1,109	901	900	212	71	22	12	..	..	..	..	5,166	7,969	13,135
400 - 499	165	234	302	276	393	768	873	1,254	430	182	55	27	6	1	..	..	4,966	5,888	10,854
500 - 749	244	328	433	279	566	952	1,095	1,981	1,425	760	192	151	38	18	..	..	8,462	8,281	16,743
750 - 999	122	146	229	160	307	461	481	1,012	922	797	392	301	81	45	1	..	5,457	4,451	9,908
1,000 - 1,999	145	152	275	188	356	544	637	1,295	1,192	1,480	944	1,336	804	470	20	..	9,838	7,117	16,955
2,000 - 2,999	32	30	48	37	60	83	143	243	239	284	219	386	408	581	48	3	2,844	2,419	5,263
3,000 - 3,999	9	7	24	16	29	38	42	97	78	87	47	132	145	327	76	20	1,174	1,168	2,342
4,000 - 4,999	5	7	11	10	9	18	28	49	27	38	28	44	58	148	54	21	555	839	1,394
5,000 - 9,999	3	16	11	16	15	20	22	54	34	46	39	61	71	126	63	48	645	2,236	2,881
10,000 - 19,999	2	4	2	2	6	6	13	11	9	13	4	16	11	25	11	24	159	2,079	2,238
20,000 - 29,999	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	2	..	4	1	2	5	2	2	4	28	877	905
30,000 - 49,999	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	2	2	3	..	..	2	3	1	..	19	691	710
50,000 and over	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	4	11	1,341	1,352
Total	2,707	2,911	3,463	2,497	3,727	5,672	5,183	7,468	4,684	3,798	1,953	2,469	1,631	1,751	276	124	50,314	193,940	244,254

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

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