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### INQUIRIES

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Most statistics in this publication are derived from the Agricultural Census conducted annually at 31 March, which collects commodity data from establishments with agricultural activity (previously called "holdings") throughout Australia. In the past three years the ABS has been gradually excluding from the statistics establishments whose contribution to agricultural production is small. While this has reduced the number of establishments appearing in publications the effect on statistics of production of major commodities is minimal. Statistics of minor commodities normally associated with smaller scale operations may be affected to a greater extent.

For 1976-77 and 1977-78, establishments have been included in the statistics where the legal entities operating those establishments have an Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations (EVAO) of \$1,500 or more. Details of the method used in the calculation of EVAO are contained in the publication *Agricultural Sector, Part 1 - Structure of Operating Units* (7102.0).

For 1975-76 the EVAO criterion was the same as for 1976-77 and 1977-78, but establishments with areas

of 10 hectares or more were also included even if EVAO was less than \$1,500. Prior to 1975-76 all agricultural establishments with area of 1 hectare or more were included. In addition establishments of less than 1 hectare tended to be included where significant agricultural activity was undertaken e.g. poultry farms.

A substantial amount of information formerly published in this bulletin has been omitted from this issue. More detailed information is available on request.

A summary of the full range of statistics relating to the Australian Capital Territory published by the ABS is contained in the statistical bulletin *Australian Capital Territory Statistical Summary* (1307.0).

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

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

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TABLE 1. NUMBER, AREA AND LAND UTILISATION OF RURAL ESTABLISHMENTS (a)

|                                  | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1977-78 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of establishments (a)     | 172     | 154     | 142     | 135     | 114     | 114     |
| Area -                           |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Used for crops (b)               | 1,312   | 1,027   | 604     | 994     | 965     | 790     |
| Under sown pastures and grasses  | 41,019  | 36,577  | 26,403  | 30,208  | 28,307  | 24,805  |
| Balance (c)                      | 81,377  | 68,215  | 65,703  | 48,472  | 49,018  | 49,328  |
| Total area of establishments (a) | 123,708 | 105,819 | 92,710  | 79,674  | 78,290  | 74,923  |

(a) Establishments with agricultural activity (previously called "holdings"). (b) Excludes duplication on account of area double cropped. Pastures and grasses harvested for hay and seed have been included in "Area under sown pastures and grasses". (c) Used for grazing, lying idle, fallow, etc.

TABLE 2. CROPS

|                                               |          | 1972-73      | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1977-78 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN |          |              |         |         |         |         |         |
| Area                                          | hectares | 289          | 320     | 204     | 408     | 361     | 295     |
| Production                                    | tonnes   | 359          | 335     | 248     | 471     | 524     | 398     |
| Yield per hectare                             | "        | 1.24         | 1.05    | 1.22    | 1.15    | 1.45    | 1.35    |
| AREA OF OTHER CROPS                           |          |              |         |         |         |         |         |
|                                               |          | — Hectares — |         |         |         |         |         |
| Oats for hay                                  |          | 209          | 75      | 8       | 72      | 55      | 34      |
| Crops for green feed or silage                |          | 715          | 321     | 200     | 271     | 238     | 284     |
| Fruit                                         |          | 14           | 15      | 18      | 16      | 15      | 9       |
| Vegetables                                    |          | 49           | 51      | 54      | 50      | 48      | (a)     |
| Nurseries                                     |          | 3            | (a)     | (a)     | (a)     | 7       | 5       |
| All other crops                               |          | 1            | 3       | 3       | 11      | 108     | 113     |

(a) Not available for separate publication; included in "All other crops".

TABLE 3. APPLES: NUMBER OF TREES, PRODUCTION AND YIELD

|                               |           | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1977-78 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of —                   |           |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Bearing trees                 |           | 3,379   | 3,214   | 3,174   | 3,759   | 3,086   | 2,823   |
| Bearing and non-bearing trees |           | 4,611   | 4,643   | 5,380   | 4,580   | 4,111   | 4,013   |
| Production                    | tonnes    | 105     | 88      | 48      | 36      | 105     | 47      |
| Yield per bearing tree        | kilograms | 31      | 27      | 15      | 10      | 34      | 17      |

TABLE 4. LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

|                     | At 31 March — |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                     | 1973          | 1974    | 1975    | 1976    | 1977    | 1978    |
| Cattle and calves — |               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Milk                | 1,706         | 1,631   | 1,607   | 1,168   | 1,071   | 468     |
| Meat                | 17,750        | 17,418  | 16,756  | 21,882  | 18,278  | 15,364  |
| Total all cattle    | 19,456        | 19,049  | 18,363  | 23,050  | 19,349  | 15,832  |
| Sheep and lambs     | 142,968       | 125,800 | 117,214 | 148,207 | 124,164 | 119,139 |
| Poultry             | 63,885        | 155,459 | 164,485 | 132,838 | 172,282 | 149,614 |

TABLE 5. SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN AND WOOL PRODUCED

| Season  | Sheep shorn | Lambs shorn | Sheepswool (including crutchings) | Lambswool  | Total shorn wool |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|
|         | — '000 —    |             |                                   | — Tonnes — |                  |
| 1972-73 | 131         | 20          | 535                               | 20         | 555              |
| 1973-74 | 112         | 17          | 520                               | 19         | 539              |
| 1974-75 | 106         | 28          | 498                               | 48         | 546              |
| 1975-76 | 123         | 21          | 535                               | 31         | 566              |
| 1976-77 | 114         | 14          | 470                               | 14         | 484              |
| 1977-78 | 102         | 17          | 454                               | 21         | 474              |

TABLE 6. ARTIFICIAL FERTILISERS USED

|                    |          | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1977-78 |
|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Area fertilised    | hectares | 13,246  | 19,679  | 12,324  | 3,758   | 6,134   | 5,093   |
| Fertiliser used —  |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Superphosphate (a) | tonnes   | 1,783   | 2,206   | 1,418   | 572     | 663     | 539     |
| Other              | "        | 121     | 36      | 68      | 68      | 95      | 42      |

(a) Prior to 1975-76 details of superphosphate usage were collected in terms of single, and double and triple, strength. For statistical purposes these figures were converted to single strength equivalent.