SECTION A
INTRODUCTION

PRODUCTION
A.1 Production

Australian wheat farmers produce ~16 million tonnes (Mt) of wheat each year, 70% of which is exported. In world terms, Australia is the fourth largest exporter, contributing ~11% of world trade.

Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific regions are the principal export destinations. The domestic market is the largest single market and it is growing rapidly. ¹

The national gross value of wheat increased by 12% from 2012–13 to 2013–14, reflecting strong domestic demand and increased production, particularly in South Australia.

In Victoria, wheat production in 2013–14 was valued at AU$1,105.9 million, a significant increase on the 2006–07 season, which produced wheat worth $209.1 million. Recent production figures include 4.4 Mt produced from 1.8 million hectares (Mha) in 2011 (Figure 1).

In 2011, South Australia produced close to 6 Mt from 2.36 Mha, and Tasmania produced 31,900 t from 8100 ha. ²

Figure 1: Gross value of wheat production in Victoria compared with other grain and horticulture crops, 2013–14. (Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics) ³

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