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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

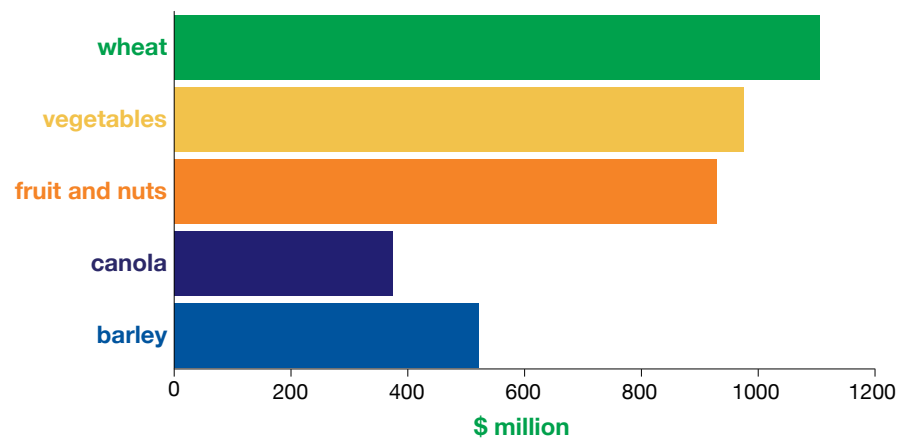


Figure 1: Gross value of wheat production in Victoria compared with other grain and horticulture crops, 2013–14. (Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics)³

¹ ABS (2015) 7121.0. Agricultural commodities, Australia, 2013–14. Australian Bureau of Statistics, <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/7121.0>

² ABS (2013) 7124.0. Historical selected agriculture commodities, by state (1861 to present, 2010–11). Australian Bureau of Statistics, <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/7124.0Chapter72010-11>

³ ABS (2015) 7503.0. Value of agricultural commodities produced, Australia, 2013–14. Australian Bureau of Statistics, <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/7503.0>