

Australia – Agricultural Census 2020-2021– Main results

Holdings and area, by legal status		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	87 402	387 264 589
Land tenure		
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Total	87 402	387 264 589
Legal ownership or owner-like possession	81 781	141 728 947
Rented from others	25 843	243 153 899
Other form of tenure	1 712	2 381 743

Distribution of holdings by land size classes		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total area of holding	87 402	387 264 589
Less than 1 ha	492	185
1–1.99 ha	390	671
2–4.99 ha	1 781	5 468
5–9.99 ha	1 879	13 269
10–19.99 ha	3 298	46 812
20–49.99 ha	7 590	258 679
50–99 ha	8 131	587 607
100–199 ha	10 804	1 545 983
200–499 ha	16 400	5 298 484
500–999 ha	11 401	8 098 799
1 000 ha and over	25 236	371 408 633

Land use ^{1 2}		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total ¹	87 402	387 264 589
Land use for agriculture ^{2 3}	83 706	364 683 694
Agricultural land	82 842	363 494 053
Arable land	76 130	363 150 088
land under temporary crops	44 734	31 281 204
land under temporary meadows and pastures	64 749	331 868 884
Land under permanent crops	8 130	343 965
Land under farm buildings and farmyards	3 526	132 904
Forest and other wooded land ⁴	5 718	1 032 008
Other area not elsewhere classified	59 588	17 113 963

Livestock, by type		
	Holdings	Head
Total holdings with livestock	n.a.	n.a.
Dairy cattle	5 613	2 382 840
Meat cattle	44 611	22 048 333
Sheep	31 839	68 047 402
Pigs/swine	1 218	2 577 597
Poultry	n.a.	n.a.
Chicken	1 175	132 536 221
Other	254	3 123 902
Other animals	11 497	n.a.

Land actually irrigated: fully and partially controlled irrigation		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	87 402	387 264 589
Holdings without irrigated land	66 676	385 319 718
Holdings with land actually irrigated	20 726	1 944 871

Irrigation by land use types		
	Holdings	Area irrigated (ha)
Holdings with irrigated land	20 726	1 944 871
Under temporary crops	9 213	911 261
Under permanent crops	7 266	327 440
Under temporary meadows and pastures	9 370	706 170

TEMPORARY CROPS HARVESTED		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	n.a.	n.a.
Cereals	26 230	19 963 755
Wheat	19 120	12 643 216
Oats	9 410	1 069 891
Barley	15 735	5 491 009
Sorghum	1 866	572 607
Maize	482	45 742
Rice	396	45 084
Other cereals	878	96 207
Vegetables and melons	n.a.	n.a.
Tomatoes	560	4 447
Pumpkins	574	4 558
Onions	237	5 743
Melons	323	6 545
Lettuce	375	8 192
Cauliflower	288	3 627
Carrots	214	5 446
Broccoli	353	9 112
Mushrooms	70	12
Oilseed crops	n.a.	n.a.
Canola	8 198	2 613 846
Root/tuber crops	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes	842	31 426
Stimulant, spice and aromatic crops	n.a.	n.a.
Capsicum	406	2 396
Leguminous crops	n.a.	n.a.
Beans	346	8 972
Chickpeas	1 519	606 316
Lupins	3 736	603 941
Lentils	1 464	500 872
Sugar crops	n.a.	n.a.
Sugar cane (cut for crushing)	2 924	362 320
Other temporary crops	n.a.	n.a.
Cotton	724	275 128

PERMANENT CROPS		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	n.a.	n.a.
Orchards	n.a.	n.a.
Tropical and subtropical fruits	n.a.	n.a.
Avocados	797	n.a.
Mangoes	458	n.a.
Bananas	361	12 754
Pineapples	86	3 954
Citrus fruits	n.a.	n.a.
Mandarins	462	n.a.
Oranges	838	n.a.
Other citrus fruits	627	n.a.
Berries	n.a.	n.a.
Strawberries	220	2 103
Other berries	378	3 907
Pome fruits and stone fruits	n.a.	n.a.
Apples	551	n.a.
Pears	273	n.a.
Cherries	346	n.a.
Nectarines	320	n.a.
Peaches	344	n.a.
Other stone fruits	406	n.a.
Nuts	n.a.	n.a.
Almonds	190	n.a.
Macadamias	691	n.a.
Other nuts	217	n.a.
Oilseed crops	n.a.	n.a.
Olives	400	n.a.
Vineyards (grapes)	3 980	141 479

¹ The ABS data item "Total Area of Holding" is the total area of holdings as at 30 June 2021.

² The estimated areas of holding (farm) by land use categories are for the entire reference period, 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

³ The ABS classifies land used for agriculture as land used for crops, grazing (pastures, etc), forestry plantation and other land used for agricultural production (e.g. feedlots, piggery and poultry sheds)

⁴ This estimate is included in the area of land used for agriculture