

Facts About Agriculture

There are lots of interesting facts and statistics about Agriculture from Australia and around the world.

Here are just a few:



- In 2020, agriculture was responsible for 13% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions ([source](#))
- Agriculture accounts for 55% of Australian land use ([source](#))
- Agriculture accounts for 24% of water extractions in Australia (water extractions means to take water from a source) ([source](#))
- Agriculture accounts for declining water quality in natural waterways and the ocean. Run-off from farms often contains contaminants that harm aquatic ecosystems, including in places like the Great Barrier Reef ([source](#))
- Australia exports around 72% of the total value of agricultural, fisheries and forestry production ([source](#))
- In 2021–22, Australia's agricultural, fisheries and forestry exports reached an estimated record of \$76 billion ([source](#))
- Wheat is the crop with the largest land use area in Australia. ([source](#))
- In Australia in 2022, 36 million tonnes of wheat were produced, 7 million tonnes of canola was produced, there were 70 million sheep and lambs on farms, and 22 million beef cattle. ([source](#))
- There are around 1,500 cotton farms in Australia ([source](#))
- More than 12,000 people are employed in the Australian cotton industry ([source](#))
- Australia is one of the largest exporters of raw (unprocessed) cotton in the world (we ship 90% of our cotton overseas) ([source](#))
- The Australian cotton industry is worth \$2 billion a year. ([source](#))

