

Australian Food and Agriculture Trade

Agriculture Counsellors Role in Trade and Market Access

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Australia's Agriculture Counsellors Network

Australia has a network of 20 agriculture counsellors based around the world in key trade locations.

Agriculture counsellors work with Australian biosecurity, exports and trade and market access teams, and represents Australia in a range of key markets.

Agriculture Counsellors' Roles

- Explore and develop new market openings for Australian products
- Maintain existing market access
- Improve technical market access
- Provide market intelligence
- Manage sensitive policy issues
- Represent Australia at meetings and negotiations
- Resolve issues when Australian agricultural goods arrive at their overseas markets.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

- Australian federal government department
- Enhances Australia's agricultural, fisheries and forestry industries
- Delivers the Australian Government's animal, plant and food safety control measures for imports and exports of food, fisheries and agricultural products under Australian legislation.



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Australian Government Structure

Under the Australian Constitution:

The Australian Government (Federal):

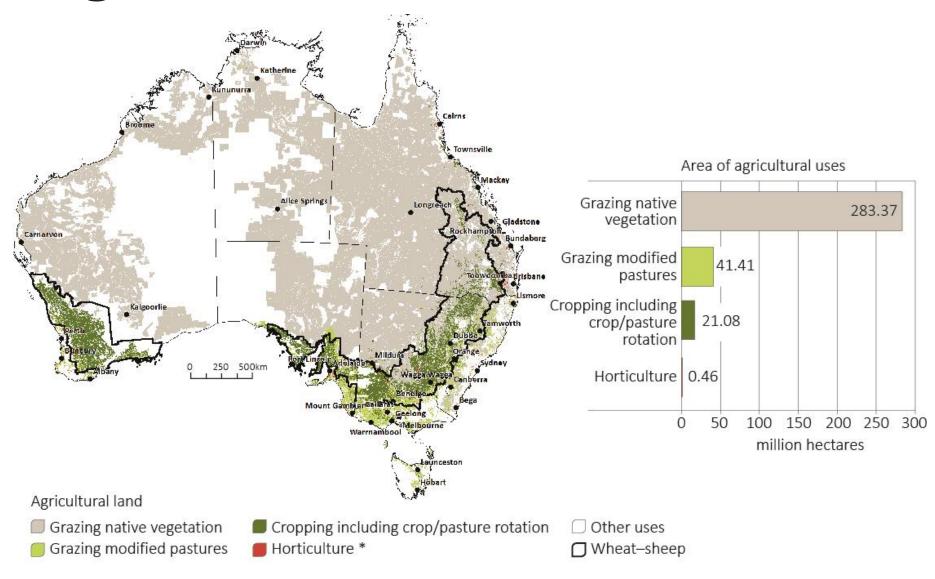
- Controls export/import of food commodities
- International animal health matters
- Develops, maintains and provides national coordination of food standards

State and territory governments:

- Public health and food safety
- Plant and animal health matters within their jurisdiction

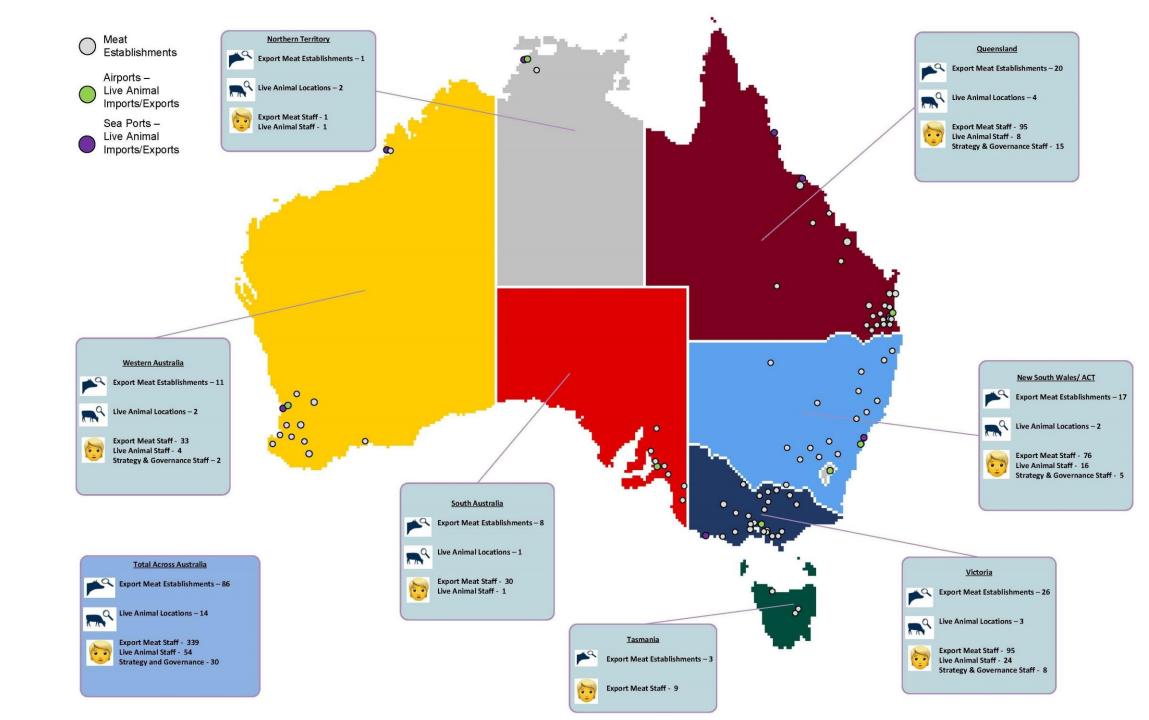


Agricultural Production Zones



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Veterinary and Export Meat Branch Location Profile



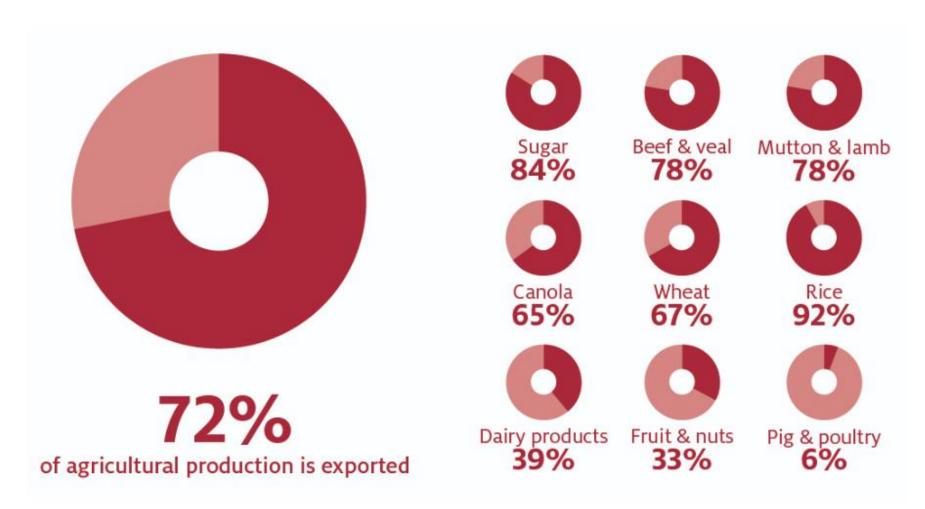


Agriculture trade with the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

- Australia's agricultural exports to MENA worth A\$6.7 billion in 2022, or 8.5% of Australia's total food and agriculture exports to the world.
- Key agricultural commodities Australia exported to the region in 2022 included barley, wheat, canola, sheep meat, beef, faba beans, lentils and raw cotton.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Yemen, Qatar and Turkiye were the top destinations for Australian agricultural goods in 2022.

Australia Food and Agriculture Sectors

Australian agriculture is export oriented



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