

Victorian grains industry

Fast Facts
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1,940

↑ 13%

Grains specialist farms
(2021-22)

9,810

↑ 3.3%

Jobs in grains industry
(2021-22)

\$4.2B

↑ 18%

Gross value of grains
(2021-22)

\$5.6B

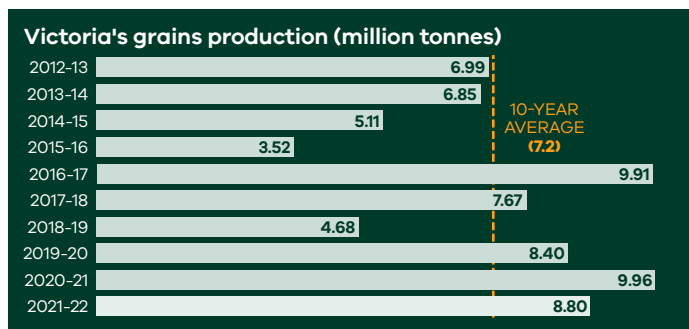
↑ 26%

Grains exports
(2022-23)

Grains farm facts and figures

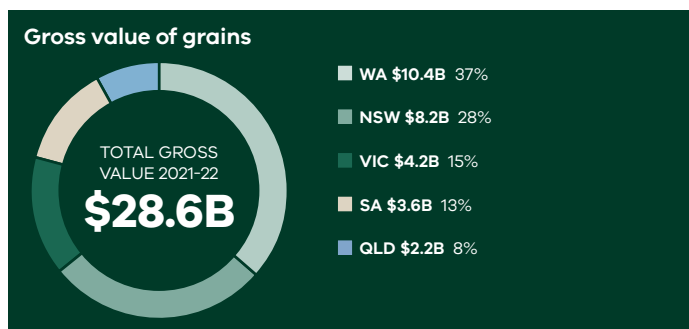
- Victoria's grain-growing areas are mainly located in western and northern Victoria, predominantly in the Mallee, Wimmera, and north-central regions and some parts of southern Victoria's high rainfall zone.
- Victoria's grains farms operated on 3.5 million hectares in 2021-22.
- There are approximately 1,940 grains specialist farms in Victoria, representing 23% of Australia's grains farms. There are also 2,070 mixed cropping-livestock farms.

How much grains are produced?



- In 2021-22, Victoria produced 8.8 million tonnes of grains, a decrease of 12% on 2020-21 production (9.96 million tonnes).
- The grains industry consists of three types of broadacre crops: cereals (mainly wheat and barley), oilseeds, and pulses. The major grains commodities produced include wheat (4.3 million tonnes), barley (2.3 million tonnes), and canola (1.3 million tonnes).
- Victoria accounted for 13% of Australia's total grains production. Victoria was the third largest producer after Western Australia (23.5 million tonnes) and New South Wales (20.8 million tonnes).

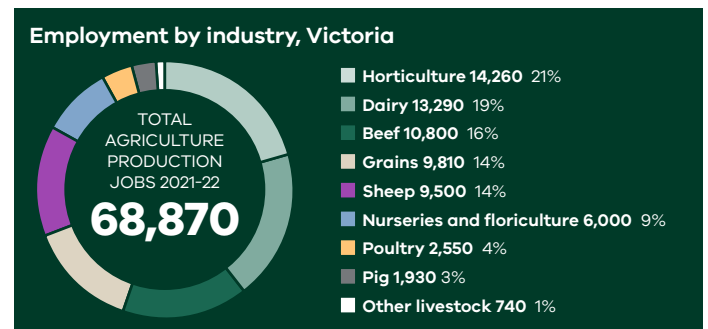
What is the value of grains production?



- The gross value of Victoria's grains production was \$4.2 billion in 2021-22, up 18% year-on-year. Grains production contributed 21% to Victoria's total farm production value of \$20.2 billion.

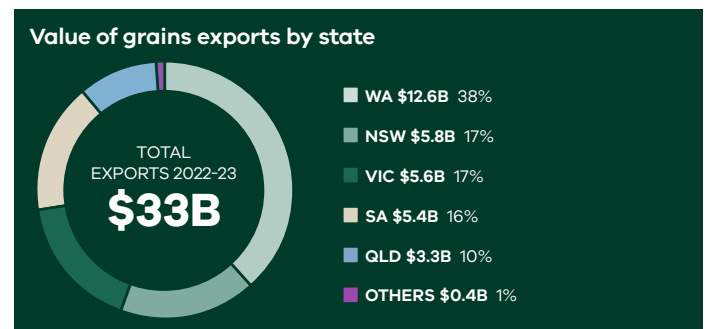
- The gross value of Victoria's major grains commodities included \$1.64 billion from wheat, \$671 million from barley and \$1.13 billion from canola.
- Victoria contributed 15% to the national gross value of grains production (\$28.6 billion). By value, Victoria was Australia's third largest grains producer, behind Western Australia (\$10.4 billion) and New South Wales (\$8.2 billion).

Industry employment



- Approximately 9,810 people worked on grains farms in Victoria in 2021-22, which accounted for 14% of agricultural jobs.

How much grains are exported?



- In 2022-23, Victoria exported grains worth \$5.6 billion, up by 26% from the previous year.
- Grains exports make up 29% of Victoria's food and fibre exports (\$19.6 billion).
- Cereals exports were valued at \$3.2 billion (representing 57% of Victoria's grains exports), oilseeds were valued at \$1.5 billion, and pulses exports were valued at \$639 million. Of the cereal exports, wheat exports were valued at \$2.6 billion.
- Victoria accounted for 17% of Australia's \$33 billion total grains exports, making it the third largest exporter by value.
- China, Japan, and Indonesia were the top three export markets, with values of \$815 million, \$545 million, and \$368 million, respectively.

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