

## Horticulture industry facts

- Australia’s third largest agriculture sector with a farm gate value at \$10 billion (retail sales value of at least \$50 billion). Half the value of broad acre and cropping sector, but only marginally smaller than the livestock sector (see Table 1 below from 2012/13). The gross value of production is more than two and a half times dairy and more than four times larger than the wool sector.
- Australia’s largest agriculture sector employer – employing one third of all agriculture workers. At August 2014 61,100 were employed in the sector with a further 6,250 in fruit and vegetable processing.
- There were 29,504 horticultural producers as at June 2013. There are mainly small to medium sized family businesses and the backbone of Australia’s rural and regional communities.
- In 2013/14 the value of horticultural exports achieved a high of \$1.544 billion, \$1.36 billion of fresh and \$182.2 million of processed. See Figure 1 for the growth from 1999/00.

Table 1: Gross Value of Agriculture Production 2012-13

	Gross value of Production (\$m)
Broadacre crops (a)	18,170
Cattle and Sheep (b)	10,040
Pork	933
Poultry	2,213
Eggs	653
Dairy	3,687
Wool	2,471
Horticulture (c)	9,877
	48,048

Note: (a) Includes grains, hay and silage; (b) Includes other livestock e.g. goats; (c) Includes wine grapes  
Source: ABS Cat 7502 Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2012-13

Figure 1: Value of Australian Horticulture Exports

