

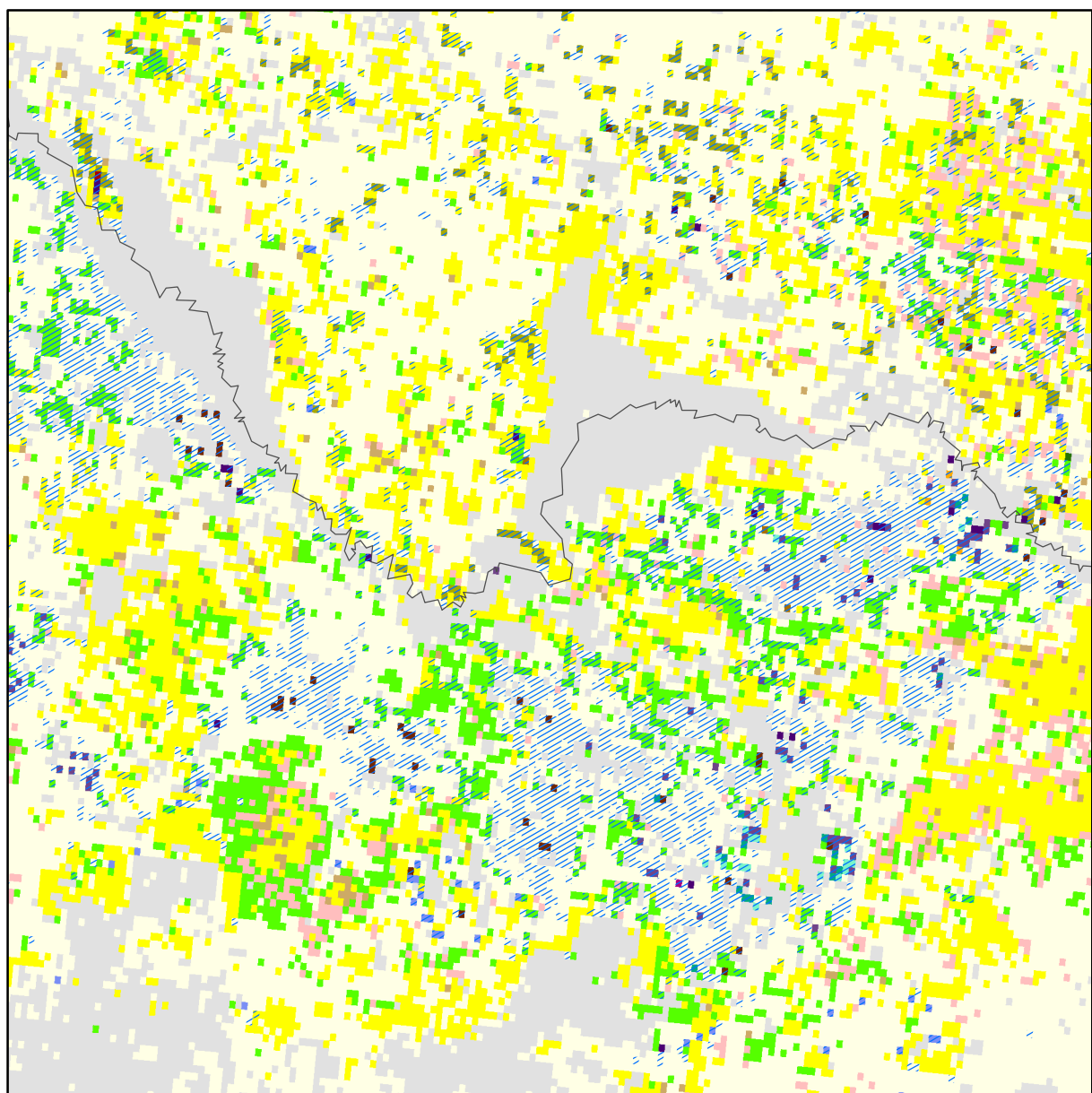
Land Use of Australia 2010–11  
A Derived Map Showing  
Land Use Classified by Commodity



Scale 1:5 million

0 100 200 400 600 800 1,000 km

Albers conic equal-area coordinates referred to GDA94



**Inset**  
This inset shows irrigated commodities at a scale of 1:1 million in an intensively irrigated part of the southern Murray-Darling Basin. The area shown is outlined in black on the main map. Commodity symbolisation is the same as on the main map except that hatching is used to indicate irrigation. Coordinates are Albers conic equal-area referred to GDA94.

Irrigated commodities

Commodities

- |                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Non-agricultural land or no data      | Cotton                         |
| Grazing                               | Other non-cereal crops         |
| Agroforestry - newly planted          | Vegetables                     |
| Winter cereals                        | Citrus                         |
| Summer cereals excluding rice         | Apples                         |
| Rice                                  | Pears and other pome fruit     |
| Winter legumes                        | Stone fruit excluding tropical |
| Summer legumes                        | Tropical stone fruit           |
| Winter oilseeds                       | Nuts                           |
| Summer oilseeds                       | Plantation fruit               |
| Sugar cane                            | Grapes                         |
| Pastures and crops for hay and silage |                                |

Notes

This map is based on the 2016 release of the *Land Use of Australia* dataset and shows land use in Australia for the year 2010–11. It is the latest in a series of 1:2 500 000 scale national land use datasets already available for many of the years between 1992–3 and 2005–06. It is a *modelled* dataset produced by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), a bureau within the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. The non-agricultural land uses and the extent of agricultural land were mapped using existing digital maps. The agricultural land uses were mapped using 2010–11 agricultural census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, AVHRR NDVI satellite image data from the Bureau of Meteorology and ground truth data collected for the National Land and Water Resources Audit.

The dataset, which is in raster format, comprises a set of probability surfaces

describing the spatial distribution of agricultural land uses and a summary land use map showing the spatial distribution of all land uses. The summary land use map is an approximation to a maximum likelihood map based on the probability surfaces.

The *Land Use of Australia 2010–11* dataset enables land use to be mapped using the *Australian Land Use and Management Classification, Version 7 (ALUMCV7)*; it also allows agricultural land uses to be mapped using a more detailed agricultural commodity based classification.

Additional metadata and caveats relating to the *Land Use of Australia 2016* release are included in a user guide that accompanies the dataset.

This map shows land use classified by commodity with irrigation status in part of the Murray-Darling Basin shown in an inset. It was compiled by ABARES in June 2016.

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**Caveats**  
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