

March quarter 2019

\$58b

Value of production in 2018–19



Agricultural overview

The value of farm production is forecast to decline by 4% in 2018–19, driven mainly by lower production of grains, oilseeds and pulses.

3.7%
Global economic growth in 2018



Economic overview

Global economic growth to slow to 3.4% by 2024.



Seasonal conditions

Global production conditions generally favourable. Unfavourable autumn rainfall outlook for northern Australia.

11% to US\$242/t^a in 2019–20



Wheat

Wheat prices to rise marginally due to lower global supply.

13% to US\$228/t^b in 2019-20



Coarse grains

Barley prices to rise due to falling global coarse grain stocks.



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Oilseeds

Canola prices to remain largely unchanged as world supply broadly aligns with demand.





Sugar

Sugar prices to rise due to lower world production.





Cotton

Cotton prices to fall due to high stock levels and competition from synthetics.





Wine

Demand from China for Australian wine to support wine grape prices.



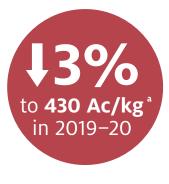


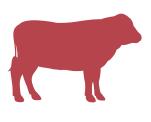
Horticulture

Growing fruit and nuts production to increase horticulture value.



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Beef and veal

Australian cattle prices to fall due to higher global production and export market competition.

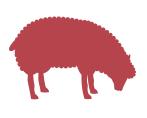




Sheep meat

Lamb prices to fall only slightly from historical highs because of strong saleyard competition.





Wool

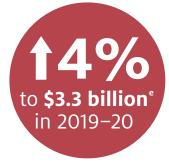
Wool prices to fall as higher volumes come to market.





Dairy

Milk prices to fall due to increased production by major competitors.



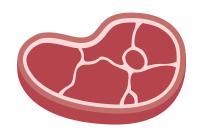


Fisheries and aquaculture

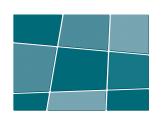
Salmonids and rock lobster are forecast to drive growth in fisheries and aquaculture production value.



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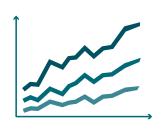


47%
Output from the largest 10% of broadacre farms





1%
Long-term
broadacre
productivity
growth



↓18%to **\$173,000 per farm**in 2018–19



Meat consumption

Analysis of global meat consumption trends.

Pig and chicken

Pig and chicken meat production growth to slow in 2018–19 and 2019–20 due to high prices for domestic feed grains.

Disaggregating farm performance by size

Farm performance varied significantly for farms of different sizes.

Non-tariff measures

Over the past 25 years, non-tariff measures have become increasingly important to Australia's agricultural trade.

Agricultural productivity

Long-term productivity growth in the broadacre industries averaged 1.0% per year, while dairy industry productivity growth was 1.6% per year.

Farm performance

Average farm cash incomes fall in 2018–19. Large variations across regions and industries.