# Mid-year report to levies stakeholders 2017–18



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## Levies at a glance 2017–18



## Summary

This report provides a year-to-date summary of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources agricultural levies system management for 2017–18.

In 2017–18 the department expects to disburse $825.3 million in levies and charges (levies) and Commonwealth matching payments to levy recipient bodies. The estimated cost of administering the levies system is $4.9 million, representing 0.9 per cent of the total amount of levies disbursed. This will be an increase of $0.05 million or 1.1 per cent on the 2016–17 cost-recovery charges. The department continues to streamline its processes and adjust the way it administers levies to minimise costs.

At 31 December 2017 the department had processed approximately 23,639 returns and 23,871 receipts. The department continues to promote the use of Levies Online for the lodgement of returns and EFT payments in its efforts to streamline the levy return and payment process—to minimise the risk of calculation and data entry errors. Levies Online take-up increased by 6 per cent and EFT payments by 5 per cent in the first six months of 2017–18.

The department has completed approximately 63 per cent of scheduled 2017–18 Operational Compliance Program (OCP) inspections across Australia and identified approximately $0.95 million in incorrect returns. Of this, underpaid levy was $0.82 million and overpaid levy $0.13 million. The department’s robust compliance program continues to deliver positive results for industry.

The department has worked with several industries to introduce or amend levies. These include the almond, apple and pear, egg, tea tree oil and Thoroughbred horse industries. More information is available on the [levies notices](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/levies/notices) web page.

The department continues to review and reform the levies legislative framework to adapt to technological advancements and disruptions. This adaptive framework will enable the efficient operation of levy payer registers. In December 2017 the department, in partnership with the Grains Research and Development Corporation, successfully piloted a grains levy payer register. The pilot confirmed that the department could build on its existing levy collection system to collect grain levy payer data. The department expects to deliver tranche 1 of its levy payer registers by 30 June 2018. Other system enhancements will improve the return submission process and enable stakeholders to more easily comply with their legislative obligations, resulting in cost savings to industry. More information is available on the [levy payer registers](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/levies/levy-payer-registers) web page.

## Financial management

In 2017–18 the department continues to manage the levies program prudently. The financial outlook for the program is stable but costs are expected to increase slightly from 2016–17.

The mid-year operating statement (Table 1) shows that 2017–18 revised estimates for the total cost of the levies program were $0.1 million (1.9 per cent) lower than 2017–18 initial estimates. This was mostly driven by significant reductions in employee expenses (down $0.15 million or 4.9 per cent) and departmental overhead expenses (down $0.01 million or 4.7 per cent). Cost-recovery charges have been adjusted down by $0.06 million (1.3 per cent) to reflect changes to the levies program expenditure items.

Disbursements for the period are estimated to increase by $34.5 million (4.4 per cent) compared with 2016–17 (Figure 1).

Table 1 Levies operating statement, 2016–17 to 2017–18

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Operating statement | 2016–17 ($) | 2017–18 initial estimate ($) | 2017–18 revised estimate ($) a | Variance ($) | Variance (%) |
| Revenues from government | 188,000 | 188,000 | 185,184 | (2,816) | –1.5 |
| Other revenue | 19,937 | 9,924 | 0 | (9,924) | –100 |
| Cost-recovery charges | 4,833,104 | 4,948,522 | 4,886,262 | (62,260) | –1.3 |
| **Total revenue** | **5,041,041** | **5,146,446** | **5,071,446** | **(74,999)** | **–1.5** |
| Employee expenses | 2,556,809 | 3,070,692 | 2,921,671 | (149,021) | –4.9 |
| Supplier expenses | 486,008 | 290,328 | 387,911 | 97,583 | 33.6 |
| Other expenses | 6,262 | 19,100 | 25,846 | 6,746 | 35.3 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 303,159 | 303,039 | 288,942 | (14,097) | –4.7 |
| Departmental overheads | 1,697,104 | 1,463,328 | 1,424,528 | (38,800) | –2.7 |
| **Total expenses** | **5,049,341** | **5,146,487** | **5,048,898** | **(97,589)** | **–1.9** |
| Net surplus/(deficit) | (8,300) | (41) | 22,549 | 22,590 | –100+ |
| Levy disbursed | 518,248,799 | 506,188,000 | 540,066,791 | 33,878,791 | 6.7 |
| Commonwealth matching | 272,592,038 | 302,755,000 | 285,297,834 | (17,457,166) | –5.8 |
| **Total disbursed** | **790,840,836** | **808,943,000** | **825,364,625** | **16,421,625** | **2** |

**a** Levy disbursed and Commonwealth matching for 2017–18 based on estimates provided by levy revenue bodies for the Australian Government Mid-Year Economic Fiscal Outlook.

Figure 1 Cost-recovery charges and levy disbursed, 2013–14 to 2017–18

**s** Estimate.

## Levies performance and operations

### Levies and charges disbursed

The department estimates that it will disburse $825.3 million to levy recipient bodies in
2017–18—comprising $540 million in levies and charges and $285.3 million in Commonwealth‑matched research and development contributions (Figure 2).

Figure 2 Estimated disbursements, by levy recipient body, 2017–18

**AgriFutures** AgriFutures Australia. **AHA** Animal Health Australia. **Aus Eggs** Australian Eggs Limited. **AMPC** Australian Meat Processors Corporation. **APL** Australian Pork Limited. **AWI** Australian Wool Innovation Limited. **CRDC** Cotton Research and Development Corporation. **Dairy Aus** Dairy Australia Limited. **FRDC** Fisheries Research and Development Corporation. **FWPA** Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited. **GRDC** Grains Research and Development Corporation. **HIA** Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited. **LiveCorp** Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited. **MLA** Meat & Livestock Australia. **NRS** National Residue Survey. **PHA** Plant Health Australia Limited. **SRA** Sugar Research Australia Limited. **Wine Aus** Wine Australia.

### Returns and payments

At 31 December 2017 the department had processed 23,639 returns and 23,871 receipts. This represents an increase of 252 returns (1.1 per cent) and 385 receipts (1.6 per cent) compared with the same period last year. The increases were driven mostly by the introduction of the new melon levy and automated reminders to encourage the lodgement of outstanding returns and payments for the wine grapes levy.

The department’s efforts in promoting the use of Levies Online for the lodgement of returns have resulted in user take-up in 2017–18 improving by 7.4 per cent compared with the same period last year. Lodging returns online minimises the risk of calculation and data entry errors and the department encourages its use where possible. Since 2013–14 Levies Online take-up has improved by an average of 4.9 per cent year-on-year (Figure 3).

In 2017–18 the number of payments processed via EFT has also increased by 5.8 per cent compared with last year. Having levies paid via EFT assists departmental staff to match payments to returns and allows the allocation of effort into a broader range of client services including strategic data analytics. Since 2013–14 the percentage of payments processed via EFT has improved by an average of 3.7 per cent year-on-year (Figure 4).

Figure 3 Returns lodged, 2013–14 to 2017–18

**a** Year to date.

Figure 4 Receipts processed, 2013–14 to 2017–18

**a** Year to date.

### Cost-recovery

The department’s cost-recovery arrangement promotes the transparent, sustainable and efficient allocation of resources. Activities that attract more effort will receive a greater proportion of the department’s overall cost-recovery charges.

At the start of 2017–18 the department estimated cost-recovery charges at $4.95 million, up $0.115 million (2.4 per cent) compared with 2016–17. The department has subsequently revised the 2017–18 cost-recovery charges down by $0.06 million (1.3 per cent) based on actual services performed to date.

These revisions to cost-recovery charges were made as a result of increases in queries (up 11.1 per cent) and non-targeted compliance activities (up 10.1 per cent)—due to higher than anticipated effort and time spent by levies staff amending incorrect returns and payments, and following up missing returns, late payments and agents flagged by the levies system as having significant levy variations. However, these increases were more than offset by decreases in processing (down 15.8 per cent) and targeted compliance (down 9.5 per cent) activities. See Table 2 for further information on the departmental administrative costs.

The cost of levies program administration is estimated to be less than 1 per cent of total levies and charges disbursed to levy recipient bodies. Since 2013–14 the department has achieved its target of keeping the cost of administering levies and charges below 1.2 per cent of the total amount of levies collected and disbursed (as set out in the [Department of Agriculture and Water Resources 2017–18 Corporate Plan](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/reporting/corporate-plan)).

Figure 5 shows the estimated cost-recovery charges as a percentage of levy disbursed by levy recipient body. See [Appendix B](#_Appendix_B_Cost) for detailed information on cost-recovery charges attributed to specific commodities.

Table 2 Levy administration costs, by activity, 2017–18

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Activity | 2016–17 ($) | 2017–18 initial estimate ($) | 2017–18 revised estimate ($) | Variance ($) | Variance (%) |
| Direct charges (for example—legal services, IT costs) | 36,900 | 10,000 | 18,238 | 8,238 | 82.4 |
| Agent management (for example—levy-payer and/or intermediary liaison) | 451,714 | 429,897 | 429,634 | (263) | –0.1 |
| Queries (for example—generated from incorrect returns and/or payments) | 213,015 | 211,663 | 235,224 | 23,561 | 11.1 |
| Processing (for example—returns and payments) | 228,712 | 304,045 | 255,922 | (48,123) | –15.8 |
| Statistics (for example—statistical information entered alongside returns) | 155,956 | 114,160 | 111,700 | (2,460) | –2.2 |
| Targeted compliance (for example—OCP and SCP) | 1,102,811 | 1,049,776 | 950,150 | (99,626) | –9.5 |
| Non-targeted compliance (for example—missing returns and debt management) | 483,688 | 469,865 | 517,491 | 47,626 | 10.1 |
| Other actions (for example—reports, commodity specific requests for support) | 185,265 | 177,312 | 183,829 | 6,517 | 3.7 |
| Program management (for example—non–attributable activities) | 1,975,043 | 2,181,804 | 2,184,074 | 2,271 | 0.1 |
| **Total** | **4,833,104** | **4,948,522** | **4,886,262** | **(62,260)** | **–1.3** |

Figure 5 Estimated cost-recovery charges as percentage of levy disbursed, by levy recipient body, 2017–18

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## National Compliance Program

The National Compliance Program (NCP) targets levy agents and/or commodities identified as being of operational or strategic risk to provide assurance to our stakeholders about the accuracy of the levies and charges collected.

The department encourages levy recipient bodies and industry representative bodies to continue their engagement with its levies compliance team through the Commodity Liaison Program (CLP) or directly with department levies officers. The CLP is an annual information-sharing and engagement program that provides a forum for stakeholders to discuss emerging industry trends to assist the department to deliver a materially compliant levies system.

### Mid-year compliance update

The NCP comprises three risk-based programs:

* operational compliance program (OCP)—certifies the accuracy of levies and charges paid by agents on leviable commodities through record inspection.
* strategic compliance program (SCP)—delivers projects undertaken to address specific areas of non-compliance or improve capability and efficiency of levy administration. SCPs are often performed in partnership with or at the request of an industry representative body.
* targeted compliance assessment program (TCAP)—focuses on agents according to their compliance behaviour. TCAP is often applied to agents not selected in the OCP due to their small size and low risk.

Non-targeted compliance activities are also carried out under the NCP as required.

Approximately 63 per cent of the scheduled 2017–18 OCP inspections have been completed across Australia. These inspections have uncovered approximately $0.95 million in incorrect levy and charge payments. Of this, $0.82 million was unpaid levy and $0.13 million overpaid levy.

The department understands that agents new to the levies system are often at higher risk of submitting inaccurate returns. Compliance officers will continue to educate and support new levy agents to ensure they can confidently and correctly complete levy returns.

Table 3 provides further information about the results of the inspection program. Figure 6 shows the number of record inspections and average cost per inspection by industry category.

Table 3 Compliance program outcomes, 2013–14 to 2017–18

| Compliance indicators | Unit | 2013–14 | 2014–15 | 2015–16 | 2016–17 | 2017–18 d |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| OCP inspections completed | % | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 63 |
| Compliance rate | % | 66 | 65 | 65 | 69 | 70 |
| New agents identified **a** | no. | 32 | 33 | 83 | 63 | 18 |
| Levy underpayments | $ | 426,046 | 3,552,273 | 4,280,711 | 2,608,413 | 842,578 |
| Levy overpayments | $ | (103,871) | (73,401) | (166,434) | (1,027,552) | (132,457) |
| Net adjustment **b** | $ | 322,175 | 3,478,872 | 4,114,277 | 1,580,861 | 975,035 |
| **Total adjustment c** | **$** | **529,917** | **3,625,674** | **4,447,145** | **3,635,965** | **710,121** |

**a** Number identified from OCP inspections. Several new agents may be identified from one record inspection. **b** Reflects difference between underpayments collected from levy agents and overpayments returned to levy agents. **c** Includes total levy underpayments collected from levy agents and total levy overpayments returned to levy agents. **d** Year to date. **OCP** Operational compliance program.

Figure 6 Estimated record inspections, by industry category, 2017–18

## Appendix A: Cost-recovery charges, by levy recipient body

| Levy recipient body | 2014–15 ($) | 2015–16 ($) | 2016–17 ($) | 2017–18 initial estimate ($) a | 2017–18 revised estimate ($) b |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AgriFutures Australia | 107,777 | 77,646 | 79,133 | 91,679 | 100,972 |
| Animal Health Australia | 62,792 | 56,384 | 43,462 | 48,439 | 50,465 |
| Australian Eggs Limited | 27,400 | 23,280 | 28,940 | 23,079 | 26,895 |
| Australian Meat Processors Corporation | 165,347 | 173,010 | 219,863 | 209,647 | 196,993 |
| Australian Pork Limited | 43,646 | 55,572 | 36,190 | 50,917 | 49,562 |
| Australian Wool Innovation Limited | 480,936 | 438,966 | 444,255 | 435,721 | 393,919 |
| Cotton Research and Development Corporation | 17,612 | 14,590 | 29,029 | 21,576 | 29,385 |
| Dairy Australia Limited | 85,439 | 94,694 | 97,928 | 105,968 | 111,926 |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation | 14,877 | 9,559 | 17,242 | 8,184 | 8,783 |
| Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited | 227,652 | 200,059 | 108,079 | 160,604 | 158,142 |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation | 583,386 | 545,487 | 742,214 | 693,573 | 620,538 |
| Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited | 1,309,765 | 1,234,561 | 1,462,117 | 1,357,563 | 1,316,590 |
| LiveCorp | 44,184 | 48,242 | 51,364 | 51,187 | 55,409 |
| Meat & Livestock Australia | 688,293 | 781,129 | 555,598 | 650,542 | 663,580 |
| National Residue Survey | 90,821 | 91,343 | 83,167 | 87,304 | 82,348 |
| Plant Health Australia Limited | 38,124 | 98,870 | 108,773 | 124,201 | 130,890 |
| Sugar Research Australia | 16,250 | 16,439 | 9,086 | 7,858 | 8,323 |
| Wine Australia **c** | 974,167 | 936,622 | 716,661 | 820,479 | 881,541 |
| **Total** | **4,978,468** | **4,896,450** | **4,833,104** | **4,948,522** | **4,886,262** |

**a** Based on departmental officer’s timesheet activity between 1 May 2016 and 30 April 2017. **b** Based on departmental officer timesheet activity between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017. **c** Formed on 1 July 2014. Formally known as the Australian Grape and Wine Authority. Estimates include combined historical costs for Grape and Wine Research Development Corporation and Wine Australia Corporation.

## Appendix B: Cost-recovery charges by commodity

| Industry group | Commodity | 2014–15 ($) | 2015–16 ($) | 2016–17 ($) | 2017–18 initial estimate ($) | 2017–18 revised estimate ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Animal products | Bees | 85 | 445 | 273 | – | – |
| Dairy produce | 87,143 | 96,583 | 99,853 | 108,082 | 114,159 |
| Goat fibre | 6,069 | 684 | 4,949 | 1,726 | 373 |
| Honey | 50,815 | 65,674 | 50,373 | 53,493 | 50,018 |
| Wool | 480,936 | 438,966 | 444,255 | 435,721 | 393,919 |
| **Total animal products** |  | **625,048** | **602,351** | **599,703** | **599,023** | **558,469** |
| Field crops | Coarse grains | 209,814 | 211,207 | 266,458 | 248,076 | 217,931 |
| Cotton | 17,762 | 14,755 | 29,370 | 21,820 | 29,681 |
| Fodder export | – | 4,178 | 8,716 | 8,735 | 9,203 |
| Grain legumes | 126,278 | 95,826 | 149,854 | 159,328 | 154,022 |
| Oilseeds | 55,300 | 54,125 | 81,588 | 64,586 | 60,984 |
| Pasture seeds | 5,643 | 3,962 | 4,443 | 1,463 | 1,392 |
| Rice | 7,125 | 6,803 | 741 | 992 | 3,331 |
| Sugar cane | 16,250 | 16,439 | 9,086 | 7,858 | 8,323 |
| Wheat | 209,512 | 200,865 | 266,099 | 242,593 | 206,125 |
| **Total field crops** |  | **647,684** | **608,159** | **816,354** | **755,451** | **690,992** |
| Fisheries | Farmed prawns | 14,877 | 9,559 | 17,242 | 8,184 | 8,783 |
| **Total fisheries** |  | **14,877** | **9,559** | **17,242** | **8,184** | **8,783** |
| Forestry | Forest growers | 102,514 | 95,986 | 49,409 | 94,375 | 83,256 |
| Forest products | 128,591 | 119,062 | 69,553 | 83,036 | 96,384 |
| **Total forestry** |  | **231,105** | **215,047** | **118,961** | **177,411** | **179,641** |
| Game animals | Deer slaughter | 5,211 | 3,304 | 3,169 | 4,301 | 5,188 |
| Deer velvet | 5,356 | 1,508 | – | – | – |
| Game goats | 1,193 | 100 | – | 774 | 99 |
| Game pigs | 2,786 | 1,311 | 2,956 | 2,506 | 1,030 |
| Horse slaughter | 1,517 | 2,892 | 1,934 | 1,026 | 153 |
| Macropods | 8,395 | 8,118 | 10,148 | 10,358 | 6,682 |
| Ratites | 1,122 | 520 | 3,850 | 942 | 676 |
| **Total game animals** |  | **25,581** | **17,753** | **22,056** | **19,909** | **13,828** |
| Horticulture | Almonds | 12,738 | 3,913 | 16,834 | 12,240 | 15,199 |
| Apples | 64,705 | 75,959 | 103,466 | 99,383 | 93,109 |
| Avocados | 31,831 | 38,255 | 71,314 | 54,859 | 48,887 |
| Bananas | 44,532 | 61,033 | 62,543 | 73,902 | 77,587 |
| Cherries | 50,873 | 47,057 | 64,450 | 57,911 | 54,059 |
| Chestnuts | 13,586 | 8,772 | 7,716 | 11,570 | 7,811 |
| Citrus | 80,688 | 89,666 | 109,988 | 115,792 | 128,114 |
| Custard apples | 5,989 | 8,065 | 11,513 | 5,523 | 3,733 |
| Dried fruits | 18,700 | 22,080 | 25,346 | 22,168 | 28,445 |
| Ginger | 24,651 | 13,447 | 16,191 | 10,449 | 15,215 |
| Lychees | 7,003 | 6,556 | 12,303 | 9,444 | 6,991 |
| Macadamia nuts | 31,865 | 20,856 | 37,916 | 19,912 | 14,026 |
| Mangoes | 35,220 | 39,818 | 47,118 | 38,945 | 37,819 |
| Melon | – | – | 22,538 | 12,901 | 22,244 |
| Mushrooms | 14,986 | 7,173 | 7,546 | 5,824 | 4,653 |
| Nashi | – | – | – | – | – |
| Nursery products | 51,449 | 47,435 | 56,345 | 58,214 | 41,291 |
| Olives | 51,791 | 17,393 | 22,843 | 15,649 | 15,414 |
| Onions | 42,013 | 41,537 | 47,353 | 32,236 | 36,866 |
| Papaya | 9,620 | 9,060 | 14,452 | 12,993 | 12,701 |
| Passionfruit | 10,308 | 13,291 | 13,211 | 12,953 | 12,904 |
| Pears | 34,027 | 38,567 | 46,675 | 52,618 | 47,258 |
| Persimmons | 11,199 | 10,406 | 12,638 | 10,396 | 9,532 |
| Pineapples | 9,540 | 10,759 | 11,923 | 17,839 | 20,939 |
| Potatoes | 56,944 | 51,201 | 53,966 | 57,370 | 59,525 |
| Rubus | 8,521 | 7,301 | 14,721 | 13,415 | 9,653 |
| Stone fruit | 47,454 | 34,791 | 52,387 | 43,377 | 42,969 |
| Strawberries | 6,333 | 6,240 | 18,548 | 11,295 | 11,724 |
| Sweet potato | – | 25,157 | 26,777 | 29,885 | 35,343 |
| Table grapes | 71,281 | 61,789 | 94,567 | 70,355 | 74,777 |
| Turf | 105,890 | 88,370 | 54,851 | 56,239 | 56,190 |
| Vegetables | 411,383 | 383,674 | 379,499 | 387,999 | 357,233 |
| **Total horticulture** |  | **1,365,119** | **1,289,622** | **1,537,538** | **1,433,658** | **1,402,208** |
| Live animal export | Buffalo export | 1,484 | 677 | 2,211 | 1,352 | 1,932 |
| Cattle live export | 24,401 | 21,351 | 31,178 | 32,710 | 32,639 |
| Deer export | 428 | 1,086 | – | – | –- |
| Goat live export | 5,784 | 8,547 | 6,712 | 5,231 | 4,117 |
| Lamb live export | 2,325 | 4,206 | 2,844 | 2,923 | 4,438 |
| Sheep live export | 11,674 | 14,137 | 10,630 | 10,323 | 14,215 |
| **Total live animal export** |  | **46,096** | **50,004** | **53,576** | **52,539** | **57,342** |
| Livestock processing | Beef production | 82,512 | 76,133 | 101,012 | 89,222 | 86,516 |
| Buffalo slaughter | 1,140 | 1,481 | 2,594 | 3,257 | 2,513 |
| Goat slaughter | 21,091 | 17,440 | 19,545 | 20,517 | 18,066 |
| Lamb slaughter | 32,127 | 41,985 | 64,414 | 59,542 | 51,503 |
| Pig slaughter | 46,273 | 58,868 | 38,170 | 53,937 | 52,231 |
| Sheep slaughter | 29,617 | 37,451 | 34,892 | 40,365 | 40,908 |
| **Total livestock processing** |  | **212,759** | **233,358** | **260,626** | **266,841** | **251,737** |
| Livestock transaction | Cattle transaction | 475,028 | 567,507 | 376,772 | 446,561 | 444,054 |
| Goat transaction | 54,804 | 53,833 | 46,335 | 45,197 | 49,711 |
| Lamb transaction | 153,427 | 161,400 | 137,342 | 171,148 | 170,783 |
| Sheep transaction | 102,759 | 105,260 | 74,465 | 78,473 | 93,509 |
| **Total livestock transaction** |  | **786,019** | **888,000** | **634,914** | **741,379** | **758,058** |
| Other rural industries | Tea tree oil | – | – | – | 19,933 | 22,410 |
| Thoroughbred horse | – | – | – | – | 6,338 |
| **Total other rural industries** |  | **–** | **–** | **–** | **19,933** | **28,748** |
| Poultry | Egg promotion | 15,857 | 14,190 | 16,724 | 15,398 | 17,110 |
| Laying chickens | 12,180 | 10,485 | 14,090 | 8,063 | 10,988 |
| Meat chickens | 20,475 | 18,952 | 22,578 | 27,776 | 23,943 |
| **Total poultry** |  | **48,513** | **43,626** | **53,392** | **51,236** | **52,041** |
| Wine | Grape research | 185,098 | 181,700 | 167,495 | 188,784 | 191,019 |
| Wine export | 277,653 | 190,181 | 19,334 | 21,695 | 22,007 |
| Wine grapes | 512,917 | 567,090 | 531,914 | 612,480 | 671,390 |
| **Total wine** |  | **975,668** | **938,971** | **718,743** | **822,958** | **884,415** |
| **Total** |  | **4,978,468** | **4,896,450** | **4,833,104** | **4,948,522** | **4,886,262** |

## Appendix C: Levy disbursed, by levy recipient body

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Levy recipient body | 2014–15 ($) | 2015–16 ($) | 2016–17 ($) | 2017–18 initial estimate ($) a | 2017–18 revised estimate ($) b |
| AgriFutures Australia | 4,479,362 | 3,974,195 | 3,143,393 | 5,580,000 | 5,010,599 |
| Animal Health Australia | 7,630,079 | 7,886,556 | 7,518,577 | 7,694,000 | 7,518,463 |
| Australian Eggs Limited | 6,424,048 | 7,654,720 | 7,794,839 | 7,785,000 | 8,343,150 |
| Australian Meat Processors Corporation | 22,034,673 | 19,664,293 | 17,305,419 | 16,763,000 | 18,043,200 |
| Australian Pork Limited | 15,077,293 | 14,379,323 | 16,322,100 | 16,985,000 | 17,134,762 |
| Australian Wool Innovation Limited | 48,303,558 | 50,330,876 | 58,984,569 | 56,100,000 | 64,145,049 |
| Cotton Research and Development Corporation | 7,298,282 | 6,054,115 | 5,529,683 | 10,820,000 | 8,365,177 |
| Dairy Australia Limited | 35,372,937 | 35,369,207 | 32,130,361 | 32,221,000 | 31,620,490 |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation | 189,250 | 161,515 | 174,802 | 250,000 | 1,009,701 |
| Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited | 4,352,385 | 4,568,525 | 4,914,300 | 6,037,000 | 6,421,439 |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation | 117,590,342 | 110,520,065 | 139,012,956 | 114,692,000 | 143,414,028 |
| Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited | 45,958,821 | 51,819,514 | 55,373,955 | 53,374,000 | 55,150,473 |
| LiveCorp | 5,612,011 | 5,194,447 | 4,107,106 | 4,555,000 | 4,018,134 |
| Meat & Livestock Australia | 114,766,843 | 111,382,631 | 102,991,586 | 110,295,000 | 103,719,353 |
| National Residue Survey | 10,980,124 | 10,579,782 | 10,466,881 | 10,577,000 | 10,616,062 |
| Plant Health Australia Limited | 2,509,499 | 5,108,870 | 7,026,110 | 9,960,000 | 8,295,979 |
| Sugar Research Australia | 22,679,009 | 24,333,149 | 25,569,691 | 23,800,000 | 25,936,497 |
| Wine Australia **c** | 17,525,053 | 17,598,226 | 19,882,474 | 18,700,000 | 21,304,235 |
| **Total** | **488,783,571** | **486,580,008** | **518,248,799** | **506,188,000** | **540,066,791** |

**a** From information provided by levy recipient bodies for the 2017–18 federal budget process. **b** Based on department disbursement activity between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017. **c** Formed on 1 July 2014. Formally known as the Australian Grape and Wine Authority. Estimates include combined historical costs for Grape and Wine Research Development Corporation and Wine Australia Corporation.

## Appendix D: Levy disbursed by commodity

| Industry group | Commodity | 2013–14 ($) | 2014–15 ($) | 2015–16 ($) | 2016–17 ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Animal products | Bees | 6,938 | 8,622 | 722 | 53 |
| Dairy produce | 33,639,308 | 36,078,511 | 36,074,690 | 32,761,928 |
| Goat fibre | 34,393 | 20,680 | 28,582 | 25,215 |
| Honey | 536,027 | 434,678 | 646,310 | 789,341 |
| Wool | 43,308,614 | 48,303,558 | 50,330,876 | 58,984,569 |
| **Total animal products** |  | **77,525,280** | **84,846,049** | **87,081,180** | **92,561,106** |
| Field crops | Coarse grains | 26,667,797 | 28,120,104 | 25,774,322 | 27,048,985 |
| Cotton | 11,020,528 | 7,360,240 | 6,122,676 | 5,594,544 |
| Fodder export | - | - | - | 367,328 |
| Grain legumes | 8,518,488 | 10,590,236 | 17,405,898 | 25,904,331 |
| Oilseeds | 22,183,647 | 16,604,264 | 18,071,809 | 26,362,246 |
| Pasture seeds | 187,270 | 172,294 | 133,410 | 146,857 |
| Rice | 3,492,660 | 2,492,627 | 2,085,358 | 755,995 |
| Sugar cane | 19,560,494 | 22,679,009 | 24,333,149 | 25,569,691 |
| Wheat | 66,657,835 | 65,828,282 | 52,615,473 | 63,732,737 |
| Wheat export | 22 | - | - | - |
| **Total field crops** |  | **158,288,740** | **153,847,056** | **146,542,093** | **175,482,714** |
| Fisheries | Farmed prawns | 148,956 | 189,250 | 161,515 | 174,802 |
| **Total fisheries** |  | **148,956** | **189,250** | **161,515** | **174,802** |
| Forestry | Forest growers | 1,201,822 | 1,400,324 | 1,511,898 | 2,010,869 |
| Forest products | 2,789,990 | 3,001,153 | 3,101,129 | 3,346,312 |
| **Total forestry** |  | **3,991,812** | **4,401,477** | **4,613,027** | **5,357,181** |
| Game animals | Deer slaughter | 26,315 | 23,259 | 21,701 | 18,317 |
| Deer velvet | 8,696 | 12,414 | 12,871 | - |
| Game goats | 16 | 18 | - | - |
| Game pigs | 4,762 | 9,457 | 15,717 | 5,503 |
| Horse slaughter | 51,030 | 41,762 | 53,261 | 38,659 |
| Macropods | 96,898 | 87,357 | 91,818 | 74,283 |
| Ratites | 9,378 | 11,592 | 11,069 | 10,205 |
| **Total game animals** |  | **197,095** | **185,860** | **206,437** | **146,967** |
| Horticulture | Almonds | 1,359,559 | 1,388,775 | 1,542,450 | 1,551,775 |
| Apples | 4,049,366 | 3,846,594 | 4,019,106 | 4,363,086 |
| Avocados | 3,652,284 | 4,151,817 | 5,142,969 | 5,648,429 |
| Bananas | 6,305,183 | 6,345,198 | 9,031,600 | 10,254,075 |
| Cherries | 711,635 | 962,717 | 1,094,477 | 688,982 |
| Chestnuts | 88,415 | 110,472 | 96,353 | 82,738 |
| Citrus | 1,724,755 | 1,648,672 | 1,874,496 | 2,718,135 |
| Custard apples | 72,655 | 73,656 | 84,833 | 89,362 |
| Dried fruits | 369,568 | 322,476 | 368,141 | 303,420 |
| Ginger | 160,004 | 174,307 | 160,871 | 147,755 |
| Lychees | 117,956 | 139,747 | 170,299 | 149,106 |
| Macadamia nuts | 3,243,817 | 3,465,318 | 4,050,725 | 4,061,363 |
| Mangoes | 904,761 | 1,227,523 | 1,211,245 | 1,188,099 |
| Melon | - | - | - | 323,286 |
| Mushrooms | 2,476,956 | 4,296,349 | 4,819,417 | 5,267,823 |
| Nashi | (158) | - | - | - |
| Nursery products | 1,944,998 | 2,124,520 | 2,388,718 | 2,306,123 |
| Olives | 283,100 | 250,134 | 339,500 | 274,046 |
| Onions | 479,741 | 705,920 | 1,018,999 | 926,699 |
| Papaya | 302,761 | 278,985 | 333,296 | 368,530 |
| Passionfruit | 209,539 | 210,423 | 251,408 | 241,979 |
| Pears | 1,428,345 | 1,400,853 | 1,565,851 | 1,501,240 |
| Persimmons | 134,053 | 123,173 | 100,944 | 133,096 |
| Pineapples | 241,368 | 280,114 | 260,601 | 297,384 |
| Potatoes | 957,730 | 1,026,351 | 1,038,398 | 1,015,041 |
| Rubus | 240,080 | 327,363 | 444,391 | 573,689 |
| Stone fruit | 927,459 | 948,196 | 991,649 | 947,131 |
| Strawberries | 697,731 | 734,722 | 761,083 | 1,018,501 |
| Sweet potato | - | - | 243,036 | 1,368,001 |
| Table grapes | 1,635,998 | 1,601,681 | 1,783,911 | 1,317,120 |
| Turf | 503,974 | 516,012 | 587,326 | 581,937 |
| Vegetables | 7,802,565 | 8,367,293 | 9,442,185 | 10,156,615 |
| **Total horticulture** |  | **43,026,201** | **47,049,360** | **55,218,275** | **59,864,564** |
| Live animal export | Buffalo export | 9,339 | 19,497 | 25,051 | 32,416 |
| Cattle live export | 3,068,768 | 4,221,723 | 3,978,898 | 3,044,331 |
| Deer export | 30 | - | 515 | - |
| Goat live export | 43,357 | 47,821 | 37,652 | 13,346 |
| Lamb live export | 195,402 | 202,652 | 251,393 | 237,225 |
| Sheep live export | 998,294 | 1,139,815 | 926,504 | 812,204 |
| **Total live animal export** |  | **4,315,190** | **5,631,508** | **5,220,013** | **4,139,522** |
| Livestock processing | Beef production | 14,722,217 | 16,533,486 | 14,464,252 | 12,513,836 |
| Buffalo slaughter | 1,173 | 1,562 | 1,049 | 5,289 |
| Goat slaughter | 251,082 | 264,567 | 228,666 | 203,992 |
| Lamb slaughter | 3,600,937 | 3,790,719 | 3,701,983 | 3,583,767 |
| Pig slaughter | 13,243,880 | 15,984,490 | 15,232,114 | 17,214,723 |
| Sheep slaughter | 1,628,116 | 1,445,902 | 1,269,392 | 1,003,824 |
| **Total livestock processing** |  | **33,447,406** | **38,020,725** | **34,897,456** | **34,525,432** |
| Livestock transaction | Cattle transaction | 77,613,091 | 84,660,198 | 80,206,603 | 72,041,070 |
| Goat transaction | 1,160,990 | 1,267,777 | 1,102,167 | 990,060 |
| Lamb transaction | 36,848,407 | 39,759,656 | 40,969,485 | 40,297,452 |
| Sheep transaction | 3,610,788 | 3,319,544 | 3,036,008 | 2,705,757 |
| **Total livestock transaction** |  | **119,233,276** | **129,007,176** | **125,314,264** | **116,034,339** |
| Other rural industries | Egg promotion | 4,851,217 | 4,394,571 | 5,270,073 | 5,327,621 |
| Laying chickens | 2,303,019 | 2,141,674 | 2,750,282 | 2,845,525 |
| **Total other rural industries** | Meat chickens | 1,401,347 | 1,516,459 | 1,661,053 | 1,856,455 |
| Poultry |  | **8,555,582** | **8,052,704** | **9,681,408** | **10,029,600** |
| Tea tree oil | - | - | - | - |
| Thoroughbred horse | - | - | - | - |
| **Total poultry** |  | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |
| Wine | Grape research | 3,633,862 | 3,419,307 | 3,471,619 | 3,850,163 |
| Wine export | 2,183,689 | 2,338,182 | 2,590,386 | 2,867,859 |
| Wine grapes | 12,698,273 | 11,794,918 | 11,582,334 | 13,214,550 |
| **Total wine** |  | **18,515,824** | **17,552,407** | **17,644,339** | **19,932,572** |
| **Total** |  | **467,245,363** | **488,783,571** | **486,580,008** | **518,248,799** |

## Appendix E: Levy recipient body analytical data

| Levy recipient body | Collection points a (no.) | Cost per collection point ($) | Levy per collection point ($) | Returns processed b (no.) | Cost per return ($) | Levy per return ($) | Record inspections c (no.) | OCP costs ($) | Average inspection cost ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AgriFutures Australia | 301 | 335 | 16,640 | 792 | 128 | 6,329 | 5 | 14,819 | 2,795 |
| Animal Health Australia | 163 | 310 | 46,117 | 1,023 | 49 |  7,348 | 5 | 16,452 | 3,348 |
| Australian Eggs Limited | 41 | 654 | 202,877 | 151 | 178 | 55,290 |  2 | 8,124 | 4,141 |
| Australian Meat Processors Corporation | 490 | 402 | 36,823 | 4,457 | 44 | 4,048 | 20 | 72,080 | 3,551 |
| Australian Pork Limited | 72 | 687 | 237,600 | 722 | 69 | 23,729 | 6 | 23,532 | 3,779 |
| Australian Wool Innovation Limited | 149 | 2,644 | 430,504 | 1,470 | 268 | 43,636 | 17 | 55,399 | 3,242 |
| Cotton Research and Development Corporation | 19 | 1,562 | 444,698 | 89 | 330 | 93,881 | 6 | 20,886 | 3,516 |
| Dairy Australia Limited | 88 | 1,268 | 358,346 | 954 | 117 | 33,146 | 8 | 25,739 | 3,282 |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation | 16 | 549 | 63,106 | 50 | 176 | 20,194 | 1 | 2,928 | 2,928 |
| Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited | 323 | 490 | 19,908 | 973 | 163 | 6,599 | 8 | 22,255 | 2,963 |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation | 2,220 | 280 | 64,609 | 5,103 | 122 | 28,106 | 107 | 342,771 | 3,215 |
| Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited | 5,287 | 249 | 10,432 | 11,711 | 112 | 4,709 | 160 | 529,135 | 3,300 |
| LiveCorp | 80 | 693 | 50,227 | 306 | 181 | 13,131 | 8 | 28,821 | 3,660 |
| Meat & Livestock Australia | 2,169 | 306 | 47,819 | 12,785 | 52 | 8,113 | 63 | 220,497 | 3,493 |
| National Residue Survey | 285 | 289 | 37,274 | 1,438 | 57 | 7,383 | 8 | 28,567 | 3,406 |
| Plant Health Australia Limited | 404 | 324 | 20,534 | 848 | 154 | 9,779 | 14 | 44,095 | 3,239 |
| Sugar Research Australia Limited | 14 | 595 | 1,852,607 | 95 | 88 | 273,016 | 1 | 3,465 | 3,465 |
| Wine Australia | 3,526 | 250 | 6,042 | 3,384 | 261 | 6,296 | 57 | 200,216 | 3,517 |
| **Total** | **15,647** | **312** | **34,517** | **46,350** | **105** | **11,652** | **496** | **1,659,783** | **3,346** |

**a** Can be counted more than once if they collect for multiple commodities and levy recipient bodies. At 31 December 2017 active levy agent base was 7,928. **b** Some returns cover multiple commodities and can be counted multiple times against different levy recipient bodies. **c** Operational Compliance Program selects levy agents for record inspections annually using risk-based algorithm against likelihood and consequence of non-compliance. **OCP** Operational Compliance Program.

## Appendix F Commodity analytical data

| Commodity | Collection points a (no.) | Cost per collection point ($) | Levy per collection point ($) | Returns processed b (no.) | Cost per return ($) | Levy per return ($) | Record inspections c (no.) | OCP costs ($) | Average inspection cost ($) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Almonds | 22 | 691 | 74,378 | 43 | 353 | 38,054 | 2.1 | 6,974 | 3,392 |
| Apples | 303 | 307 | 14,130 | 738 | 126 | 5,801 | 13.6 | 43,825 | 3,234 |
| Avocados | 252 | 194 | 21,110 | 532 | 92 | 10,000 | 8.2 | 25,558 | 3,123 |
| Bananas | 163 | 476 | 64,221 | 412 | 188 | 25,408 | 15.8 | 51,071 | 3,228 |
| Beef production | 163 | 531 | 80,621 | 1,664 | 52 | 7,897 | 8.1 | 29,505 | 3,654 |
| Bees | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Buffalo export | 5 | 386 | 8,688 | 20 | 97 | 2,172 | 0.0 | 163 | 3,318 |
| Buffalo slaughter | 8 | 314 | 1,502 | 29 | 87 | 414 | 0.0 | 24 | 3,189 |
| Cattle live export | 28 | 1,166 | 106,892 | 157 | 208 | 19,063 | 5.5 | 20,711 | 3,740 |
| Cattle transaction | 1,274 | 349 | 56,683 | 6,935 | 64 | 10,413 | 42.9 | 149,001 | 3,476 |
| Cherries | 286 | 189 | 2,365 | 242 | 223 | 2,795 | 5.1 | 15,052 | 2,955 |
| Chestnuts | 81 | 96 | 1,589 | 86 | 91 | 1,496 | 0.7 | 1,937 | 2,970 |
| Citrus | 408 | 314 | 7,185 | 1,065 | 120 | 2,753 | 16.4 | 50,361 | 3,062 |
| Coarse grains | 809 | 269 | 33,781 | 2,028 | 107 | 13,476 | 34.8 | 112,517 | 3,236 |
| Cotton | 19 | 1,562 | 444,698 | 90 | 330 | 93,881 | 6.0 | 21,096 | 3,516 |
| Custard apples | 116 | 32 | 787 | 169 | 22 | 540 | 0.1 | 320 | 3,153 |
| Dairy produce | 90 | 1,268 | 358,346 | 973 | 117 | 33,146 | 8.0 | 26,253 | 3,282 |
| Deer export | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Deer slaughter | 17 | 305 | 1,192 | 82 | 63 | 247 | 0.5 | 2,416 | 5,245 |
| Deer velvet | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Dried fruits | 26 | 1,094 | 14,363 | 68 | 418 | 5,492 | 2.0 | 13,190 | 6,595 |
| Egg promotion | 34 | 503 | 169,267 | 85 | 201 | 67,707 | 1.7 | 6,537 | 3,956 |
| Farmed prawns | 16 | 549 | 63,106 | 50 | 176 | 20,194 | 1.0 | 2,928 | 2,928 |
| Fodder export | 22 | 418 | 24,710 | 64 | 144 | 8,494 | 0.2 | 687 | 3,436 |
| Forest growers | 145 | 574 | 15,428 | 379 | 220 | 5,902 | 1.9 | 5,768 | 3,045 |
| Forest products | 215 | 448 | 22,149 | 692 | 139 | 6,882 | 6.1 | 17,976 | 2,944 |
| Game goats | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Game pigs | 2 | 515 | 1,732 | 18 | 57 | 192 | 0.1 | 218 | 2,232 |
| Ginger | 126 | 121 | 1,728 | 306 | 50 | 712 | 0.9 | 3,145 | 3,539 |
| Goat fibre | 3 | 124 | 6,998 | 6 | 62 | 3,499 | – | – | – |
| Goat live export | 16 | 257 | 637 | 37 | 111 | 276 | 0.0 | 29 | 3,363 |
| Goat slaughter | 87 | 208 | 2,594 | 598 | 30 | 377 | 1.0 | 3,867 | 4,042 |
| Goat transaction | 267 | 186 | 4,060 | 1,083 | 46 | 1,001 | 2.8 | 10,371 | 3,741 |
| Grain legumes | 499 | 309 | 62,579 | 1,055 | 146 | 29,599 | 31.3 | 97,530 | 3,114 |
| Grape research | 778 | 246 | 5,415 | 753 | 254 | 5,595 | 17.5 | 61,537 | 3,523 |
| Honey | 183 | 274 | 4,600 | 282 | 177 | 2,975 | 2.0 | 6,551 | 3,276 |
| Horse slaughter | 2 | 76 | 21,735 | 22 | 7 | 1,976 | – | – | – |
| Lamb live export | 12 | 370 | 19,067 | 22 | 202 | 10,400 | 0.2 | 858 | 3,948 |
| Lamb slaughter | 118 | 436 | 30,350 | 1,114 | 46 | 3,215 | 6.8 | 23,868 | 3,503 |
| Lamb transaction | 466 | 366 | 87,429 | 3,452 | 49 | 11,802 | 20.9 | 74,433 | 3,557 |
| Laying chickens | 8 | 1,373 | 363,283 | 74 | 148 | 39,274 | 0.3 | 1,782 | 5,131 |
| Lychees | 101 | 69 | 1,451 | 104 | 67 | 1,409 | 0.8 | 2,515 | 3,185 |
| Macadamia nuts | 26 | 539 | 144,073 | 157 | 89 | 23,859 | 2.0 | 6,757 | 3,378 |
| Macropods | 18 | 371 | 4,645 | 111 | 60 | 753 | 0.7 | 1,559 | 2,232 |
| Mangoes | 261 | 145 | 4,891 | 424 | 89 | 3,011 | 6.0 | 20,382 | 3,415 |
| Meat chickens | 20 | 1,197 | 89,162 | 244 | 98 | 7,308 | 4.0 | 9,595 | 2,399 |
| Melon | 146 | 152 | 5,432 | 326 | 68 | 2,433 | 1.8 | 6,098 | 3,462 |
| Mushrooms | 11 | 423 | 472,777 | 20 | 233 | 260,027 | – | – | – |
| Nursery products | 68 | 607 | 35,354 | 206 | 200 | 11,670 | 3.0 | 10,394 | 3,465 |
| Oilseeds | 267 | 228 | 92,736 | 448 | 136 | 55,269 | 8.1 | 24,643 | 3,053 |
| Olives | 83 | 186 | 5,250 | 77 | 200 | 5,659 | 1.0 | 303 | 301 |
| Onions | 209 | 176 | 4,500 | 423 | 87 | 2,223 | 3.9 | 13,773 | 3,527 |
| Papaya | 135 | 94 | 2,631 | 298 | 43 | 1,192 | 1.3 | 4,524 | 3,533 |
| Passionfruit | 131 | 99 | 1,672 | 285 | 45 | 768 | 1.4 | 5,931 | 4,174 |
| Pasture seeds | 4 | 348 | 33,998 | 8 | 174 | 16,999 | – | – | – |
| Pears | 250 | 189 | 6,023 | 608 | 78 | 2,477 | 6.5 | 20,374 | 3,133 |
| Persimmons | 152 | 63 | 843 | 147 | 65 | 872 | 1.3 | 3,749 | 2,989 |
| Pig slaughter | 76 | 687 | 237,600 | 761 | 69 | 23,729 | 6.6 | 24,799 | 3,779 |
| Pineapples | 113 | 185 | 2,564 | 276 | 76 | 1,050 | 3.0 | 11,206 | 3,780 |
| Potatoes | 251 | 237 | 4,396 | 558 | 107 | 1,978 | 5.6 | 18,934 | 3,371 |
| Ratites | 4 | 169 | 2,647 | 16 | 42 | 662 | – | – | – |
| Rice | 9 | 370 | 268,267 | 8 | 416 | 301,800 | – | – | – |
| Rubus | 57 | 169 | 10,696 | 96 | 101 | 6,350 | 1.2 | 3,881 | 3,341 |
| Sheep live export | 24 | 592 | 32,757 | 90 | 158 | 8,735 | 2.1 | 7,224 | 3,419 |
| Sheep slaughter | 122 | 335 | 8,975 | 1,081 | 38 | 1,013 | 4.5 | 14,841 | 3,332 |
| Sheep transaction | 507 | 184 | 5,629 | 3,333 | 28 | 856 | 5.1 | 16,595 | 3,265 |
| Stone fruit | 366 | 117 | 2,566 | 649 | 66 | 1,447 | 4.2 | 13,499 | 3,245 |
| Strawberries | 7 | 1,675 | 154,074 | 13 | 902 | 82,963 | 1.1 | 3,664 | 3,309 |
| Sugar cane | 14 | 595 | 1,852,607 | 95 | 88 | 273,016 | 1.0 | 3,465 | 3,465 |
| Sweet potato | 146 | 242 | 11,410 | 422 | 84 | 3,947 | 5.1 | 15,838 | 3,132 |
| Table grapes | 297 | 252 | 5,472 | 556 | 134 | 2,923 | 11.6 | 36,665 | 3,149 |
| Tea tree oil | 37 | 606 | 12 | 1 | 22,410 | 432 | – | – | – |
| Thoroughbred horse | 1  | 6,338  | – | 2  | 3,169  | – | – | – | – |
| Turf | 205 | 274 | 2,883 | 665 | 84 | 889 | 3.0 | 10,336 | 3,445 |
| Vegetables | 840 | 425 | 11,236 | 2,581 | 138 | 3,657 | 43.7 | 147,039 | 3,367 |
| Wheat | 711 | 290 | 90,504 | 1,724 | 120 | 37,325 | 35.6 | 118,311 | 3,319 |
| Wine export | 8 | 2,751 | 384,377 | 85 | 259 | 36,177 | – | – | – |
| Wine grapes | 2,752 | 244 | 5,116 | 2,557 | 263 | 5,506 | 39.7 | 139,432 | 3,515 |
| Wool | 149 | 2,644 | 430,504 | 1,470 | 268 | 43,636 | 17.1 | 55,399 | 3,242 |
| **TOTAL** | **15,647** | **312** | **34,517** | **46,350** | **105** | **11,652** | **496** | **1,659,783** | **3,346** |

**a** Can be counted more than once if they collect for multiple commodities and levy recipient bodies. At 31 December 2017 active levy agent base was 7,928. **b** Some returns cover multiple commodities and can be counted multiple times against different levy recipient bodies. **c** Operational Compliance Program selects levy agents for record inspections annually using risk-based algorithm against likelihood and consequence of non-compliance. **OCP** Operational Compliance Program.

## Glossary

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| Term | Definition |
| Agent management | Department engagement with levy payers |
| Direct charges | Costs incurred by the department on behalf of industry |
| EFT | Electronic funds transfer |
| Levies Online | Department’s web-based platform for levy payers to calculate, lodge and track returns |
| LRB | Levy recipient body |
| Non-targeted compliance | Behaviour-driven compliance program activities |
| OCP | Operational compliance program |
| Processing | Receiving and processing levy returns and receipts |
| Program management | Administration of levies and charges |
| Statistics | Analysis of statistical information to inform levy returns |
| SCP | Strategic compliance program |
| Targeted compliance | Operational compliance program activities |

