

SUMMARY

The ABARES estimate for South Australia’s 2020–21 winter crop production is 8.4 million tonnes, 39% higher than the 2019-20 winter crop and 19% above the five-year average.

National winter crop production in 2020-21 is estimated to be 55.2 million tonnes, 89% higher than in 2019-20 and 43% above than the five-year average. This was 7.4% higher than the forecast presented in the December report, due to yields continuing to exceed initial forecasts as harvest progressed, particularly in New South Wales and Western Australia.

FURTHER ANALYSIS

AUSTRALIA

National winter crop production is estimated to have increased by 89% in 2020–21 to 55.2 million tonnes.

ABARES is estimating production increases across all states in 2020-21—see Table 1.

Table 1: Winter Crop Production 2020-21

	Million Tonnes	Change from previous year (%)
NSW	18.7	459.5
VIC	9.5	26.9
QLD	1.7	146.4
SA	8.4	39.5
WA	16.8	45.0
AUST	55.2	88.6

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Seasonal conditions in South Australian were variable during the winter crop season but rainfall was sufficient and timely in key cropping regions.

Winter crop production in South Australia is estimated to have increased by 39% in 2020-21 to 8.4 million tonnes, reflecting significant improvement in yields from the previous cropping season.

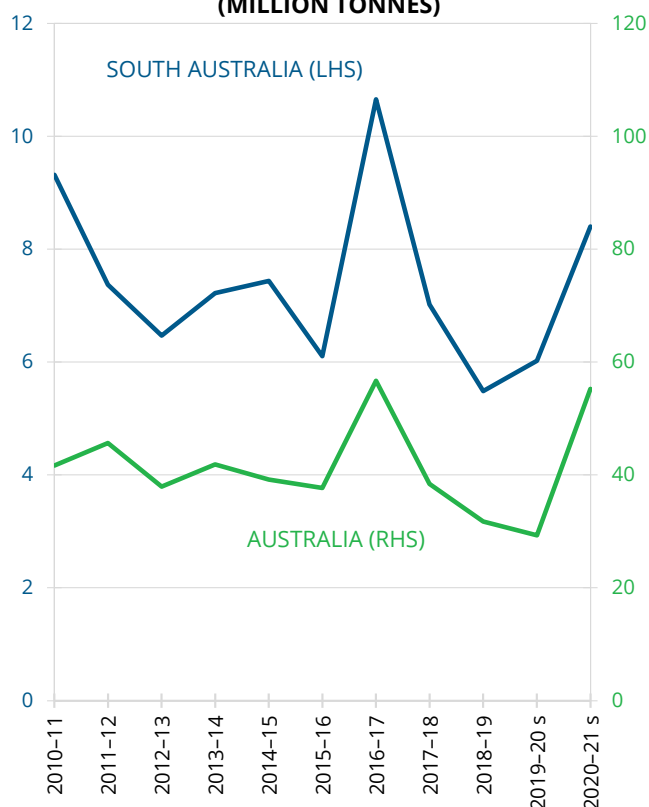
The total area planted to winter crops is estimated to be 4.5% higher than the area planted in 2019-20.

Wheat production in 2020-21 is estimated to have increased by 50% to 4.8 million tonnes, reflecting a 41% increase in the yield and a 6.4% increase in the area planted.

Barley production is estimated to have increased by 30% to 2.4 million tonnes, reflecting a 27% increase in the yield and a 1.8% increase in the area planted.

Canola production is estimated to have increased by 25% to 375,000 tonnes, reflecting a 2.3% rise in the area planted and a 22% increase in the yield.

**WINTER CROP PRODUCTION
(MILLION TONNES)**



(s) estimate

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