

### KEY POINTS

The ABARES forecast for South Australia's 2022-23 winter crop production is 11.2 million tonnes (upwardly revised from 8.2 million tonnes in September), 31% higher than the 2021-22 winter crop and 63% above the five-year average, and the highest winter crop on record.

National winter crop production in 2022-23 is forecast to reach the second highest on record at 62 million tonnes, 1.5% lower than 2021-22 but 41% above than the five-year average.

### FURTHER ANALYSIS

#### AUSTRALIA

National winter crop production is forecast to be the second highest on record, driven by record production in South Australia and Western Australia, due to favourable spring conditions. ABARES forecast production in the eastern states to remain high overall, although widespread losses are expected in regions affected by heavy spring rainfall.

The national winter crop has been revised higher overall due to improved prospects in large parts of the country, which are expected to offset reduced prospects and crop losses in parts of the eastern states caused by widespread flooding.

In addition, harvesting of crops in New South Wales and Victoria are running much later than usual, with ongoing wet conditions over summer posing additional downside risks.

ABARES reports that the latest three-month rainfall outlook suggests a high chance cropping regions in the eastern states and South Australia will exceed their median summer rainfall, posing further downside risks to production forecasts.

**Table 1: Winter Crop Production 2022-23**

	<b>2022-23 Estimate</b> (million tonnes)	<b>Change from previous year (%)</b>	<b>Change from previous (Sep) forecast (%)</b>
NSW	13.2	-30.5	-13.1
VIC	10.7	15.3	15.3
QLD	2.9	3.7	19.3
<b>SA</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>36.2</b>
WA	23.8	2.9	18.0
<b>AUST</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

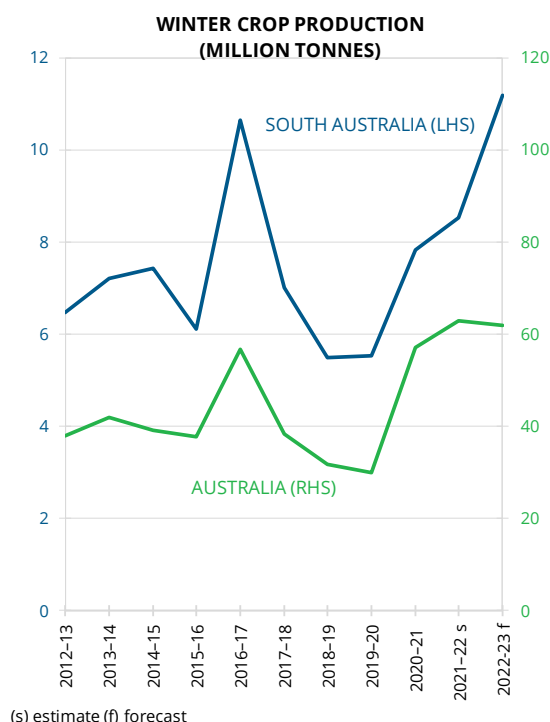
Winter crop production in South Australia is estimated to have increased by 31% in 2022-23 to be 11.2 million tonnes. The state's winter crop production is 63% above the 5-year average to 2021-22.

ABARES reports that some cropping regions had a late start to the season, such as the Eyre Peninsula, but high rainfall in September and October has driven an upward revision to yields. However, recent storms have led to some reports of hail damage on the Eyre Peninsula, with reports also of lentil crops yellowing or wrinkling due to heavy rain.

Wheat production in 2022-23 is forecast to have increased by 45% to 6.8 million tonnes, reflecting a 37% increase in the yield and a 6.0% increase in the area planted.

Barley production is estimated to have increased by 18% to 2.7 million tonnes, reflecting a 21% increase in yield and a 2.4% fall in the area planted.

Canola production is estimated to have increased by 13% to 610,000 tonnes, reflecting a 7.4% rise in the area planted and a 5.2% increase in the yield.



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