

KEY POINTS

The ABARES forecast for South Australia's 2022-23 winter crop production is 7.7 million tonnes, 7.3% lower than the 2021-22 winter crop but 11% above the five-year average.

National winter crop production in 2022-23 is forecast to be 50.9 million tonnes (the fourth highest on record), 18% lower than 2021-22 but 17% above the five-year average.

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National winter crop production is estimated to have increased by 11% in 2021-22 to 62.0 million tonnes (the highest on record), but is forecast to fall by 18% in 2022-23 to 50.9 million tonnes.

The start of the winter cropping season in 2022-23 has been favourable in most cropping regions, with total rainfall between February and April above average in most cropping regions in the eastern states and Western Australia supporting high soil moisture profiles.

However, heavy May rainfall in Queensland and large parts of New South Wales has caused waterlogging issues in some regions experiencing ongoing wet conditions. This has limited access to fields for some growers in early winter and is likely to prevent them from planting a full program if conditions in June remain wet.

Table 1: Winter Crop Production 2022-23

	2022-23 Forecast (million tonnes)	Change from previous year (%)
NSW	14.7	-22.0
VIC	7.6	-12.6
QLD	2.3	-16.9
SA	7.7	-7.3
WA	18.3	-20.8
AUST	50.9	-18.0

The forecast level of production is a function of both:

- (1) the area planted, and
- (2) the yield (tonnes per hectare).

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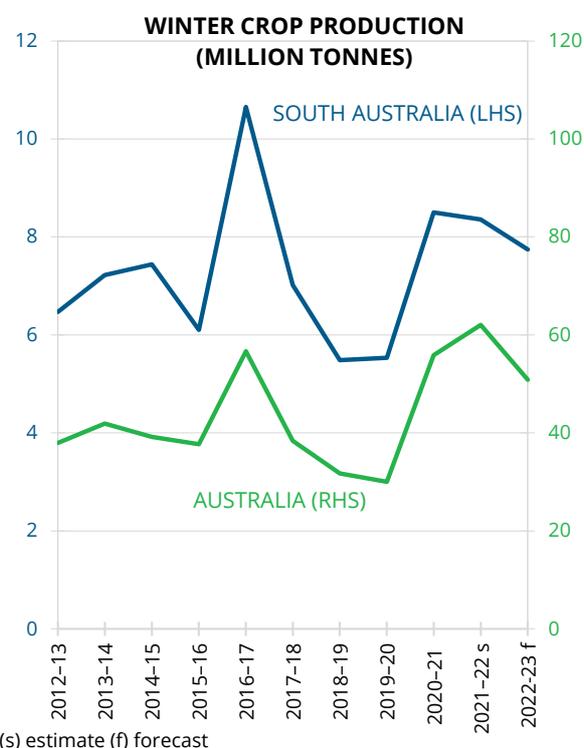
Winter crop production in South Australia is forecast to fall by 7.3% in 2022-23 to be 7.7 million tonnes. Nonetheless the state's winter crop production is forecast to remain 11% above the 5-year average to 2021-22.

ABARES reports a mixed start to the 2022-23 South Australian cropping season. Eyre Peninsula has received decent rainfall, which has supported good planting conditions in the region. However, regions further to the east, such as the Yorke Peninsula have received less rainfall. More favourable prices for wheat and canola are expected to have provided greater incentives for growers to plant these crops.

Wheat production in 2022-23 is forecast to fall by 1.6% to 4.6 million tonnes, reflecting a 3.6% increase in the area planted offset by a 5.1% fall in the yield.

Barley production is forecast to fall by 18% to 1.8 million tonnes, reflecting a 15% fall in yield and a 3.5% fall in the area planted.

Canola production is forecast to fall by 10% to 395,000 tonnes, reflecting an 11% increase in the area planted offset by a 19% fall in the yield.



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