

## KEY POINTS

The ABARES forecast for South Australia's 2022-23 winter crop production is 8.2 million tonnes (upwardly revised from 7.7 million tonnes in June), 2.3% lower than the 2021-22 winter crop but 20% above the five-year average.

National winter crop production in 2022-23 is forecast to reach the fourth highest on record at 55.5 million tonnes (upwardly revised from 50.9 million tonnes in June), 11% lower than in 2021-22 but 26% above than the five-year average.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### AUSTRALIA

National winter crop production is estimated to be the fourth highest on record, following generally favourable seasonal conditions over winter. Cropping regions in Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria benefitted more consistently from these winter developments than those in New South Wales and Queensland. Ongoing wet conditions in large parts of southern Queensland and northern and central New South Wales prevented many growers from sowing or re-attempting to sow a late winter crop.

Sufficient levels of subsoil moisture at the beginning of spring and the likelihood of above average rainfall in most states are expected to support very high yield prospects.

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

	<b>2022-23 Estimate</b> (million tonnes)	<b>Change from previous year (%)</b>	<b>Change from previous (Jun) forecast (%)</b>
NSW	15.2	-19.2	3.6
VIC	9.3	1.9	21.9
QLD	2.4	-13.1	4.6
<b>SA</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>6.1</b>
WA	20.2	-12.8	10.1
<b>AUST</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>-11.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>

The forecast level of production is a function of both:

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

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

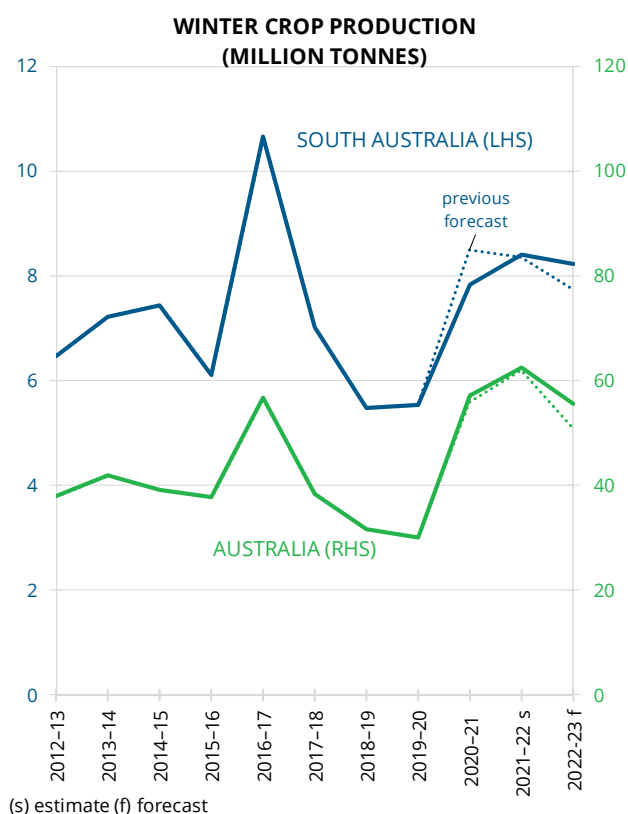
Winter crop production in South Australia is forecast to decline by 2.3% in 2022-23 to be 8.2 million tonnes. Nonetheless the state's winter crop production is forecast to remain 20% above the 5-year average to 2021-22.

ABARES expects winter crop area to increase by 4.1% to 3.9 million hectares in 2022-23.

Wheat production in 2022-23 is forecast to rise by 3.0% to 4.8 million tonnes, reflecting a 6.0% rise in the area planted partly offset by a 2.9% fall in yield.

Barley production is forecast to fall by 9.6% to 2.0 million tonnes, reflecting a 7.4% fall in yield and a 2.4% fall in the area planted.

Canola production is forecast to fall by 7.2% to 464,000 tonnes, reflecting a 17% fall in the yield partly offset by a 12% rise in the area planted.



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