

Cropping “At a Glance”

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- ▶ www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/crops-and-horticulture
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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Australian Cropping

- ▶ www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/crops/about-crops

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- ▶ www.careerharvest.com.au/careers-in-grain

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INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION

The Australian Cropping industry includes wheat and other grains, oilseeds, pulses, rice, sugar, cotton and seeds.

The Cropping industries provide a significant contribution to the national economy. The grains and oilseeds industry (subject to seasonal variation) produces about 35-45 million tonnes of grain per annum from an area of more than 20 million hectares, with an annual gross value of production (GVP) of around A\$9-13 billion.

Sugar and cotton are also major contributors with a gross value of production exceeding \$1 and \$2 billion respectively.

*Source: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/crops/about-crops>

Across the Murray Mallee region** the cropping industry includes the production of:



Broadacre crops (including wheat, barley, oats, rice, cotton and a range of pulses) and Hay

** For the purposes of this document the Murray Mallee region includes the Victorian Local Government Areas of Swan Hill, Mildura, Gannawarra and Buloke and the NSW Local Government Areas of Murray River, Balranald and Wentworth.

KEY STATISTICS

In 2020/2021 the Gross Value of cropping across the Murray Mallee Region** was \$1.2 billion!

This included:



\$1,045 million (\$1 billion) in broadacre cropping and



\$119 million in Hay

CAREERS IN CROPPING ACCORDING TO PASSION

. IF YOU LOVE BEING OUTDOORS .

Farm Hand . Irrigation Technician . Plant Breeder . Plant Propagator

. IF SCIENCE IS YOUR THING .

Agricultural Researcher . Agricultural Scientist . Agronomist . Entomologist .
Biosecurity Officer . Environmental Scientist . Plant Pathologist

. IF TECH IS YOUR GIG .

Engineer . IT Engineer . Machinery Operator . Mechanic . Welder . Precision
Agriculture Consultant . Research and Development . Robotics Technician .
Spray Technician . Tractor/Forklift Operator

. IF CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS FOR YOU .

Biologist . Botanist

. IF YOU LOVE BEING CREATIVE .

Agricultural Journalist . Brand Specialist . Graphic Designer . Marketer . Plant Blogger .
Radio Broadcaster . Social Media Strategist

. IF YOU WANT TO LEAD .

Farm Manager . Agribusiness Manager . Business Owner . Grower Integration
Manager . Human Resources Manager . Pest Health Manager . Plant Production
Manager . Open Space Manager . Product Development Manager . Purchasing
Officer Retail Manager . Supply Chain Manager

. IF YOU WANT TO CRUNCH THE NUMBERS .

Accountant . Agricultural Economist . Contract Manager . Commodity Trader .
Logistics Scheduler . Occupational Health and Safety Representatives . Payroll
Officer . Quality Assurance . Agribusiness Administrator