

Department of Primary Industry and Resources

Primary Industry Resource Information



Overview

The major primary industries in the Northern Territory (NT) are cattle (interstate movements and live export), horticulture crops (fruit and vegetables), and mixed farming (hay and fodder) see Figure 1 attached.

Horticulture and Mixed Farming

NT Plant Industries are located in the three major rural areas of (1) Litchfield Municipality, (2) Katherine Douglas Daly and Mataranka Region, and (3) Central Australia.

Table 1: Production by Region 2015

Region	Tons of NT crops produced	% of Total NT production	Tons of hay produced	% Tons of hay produced
Litchfield Municipality	36,850	38%	6,000	8%
Katherine, Mataranka, Douglas Daly	52,450	54%	68,000	85%
Central Australia	8,200	8%	6,000	8%
Total	97,500	100%	80,000	100%

Source: (1) NT Framers Economic Profile of Plant Based Industries in the Northern Territory 2015

In 2015 NT Plant Industries generated \$244.5M in value of production which contributed a further \$124.7M of output in the rest of the NT economy.

Table 2: Value of Production and the Contribution to Northern Territory Income By Region 2015

Region	Value of production (\$m)	Output in the rest of the NT economy (\$m)	Total
Litchfield Municipality	\$122.7	\$62.6	\$185.3
Katherine, Mataranka, Douglas Daly	\$103.3	\$52.7	\$156.0
Central Australia	\$18.5	\$9.4	\$27.9
Total	\$244.5	\$124.7	\$369.2

Source: (1) NT Framers Economic Profile of Plant Based Industries in the Northern Territory 2015

(2) DPI&R multipliers and calculations.

Please note all figures here have been rounded respectively and may not tally to totals.

NT Pastoral Industry

The NT pastoral industry is separated into four major regions (1) Darwin, Eley and Gulf, (2) Katherine and Victoria River District, (3) Barkly Tablelands and Tennant Creek, and (4) Alice Springs.

Table 3: Production by Region 2014-15

Pastoral District	Herd size 2014-15	% of Total NT production	Production 2014-15 (no. of cattle)
Darwin, Eley and Gulf	360,000	18%	109,322
Katherine Victoria River District	640,000	32%	194,350
Barkly Tablelands Tennant Creek	600,000	30%	182,203
Alice Springs	400,000	20%	121,469
Total	2,000,000	100%	607,343

Source: DPI&R data collections and calculations

Table 4: Value of Production and the Contribution to Northern Territory Income By Region 2014-15

Pastoral District	Value 2014-15 (\$m)	Output in the rest of the NT economy (\$m)	Total
Darwin, Eley and Gulf	\$60.04	\$30.8	\$90.8
Katherine Victoria River District	\$106.7	\$54.4	\$161.1
Barkly Tablelands Tennant Creek	\$100.1	\$51.1	\$151.1
Alice Springs	\$66.71	\$34.0	\$100.7
Total	\$333.5	\$170.3	\$503.8

Source: DPI&R data collections and calculations

Please note all figures here have been rounded respectively and may not tally to totals.

In 2014-15 the NT pastoral industry generated \$333.5M in value of production which contributed a further \$170.3M worth of output in the rest of the NT economy.

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FIGURE 1: AGRICULTURAL AREAS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

