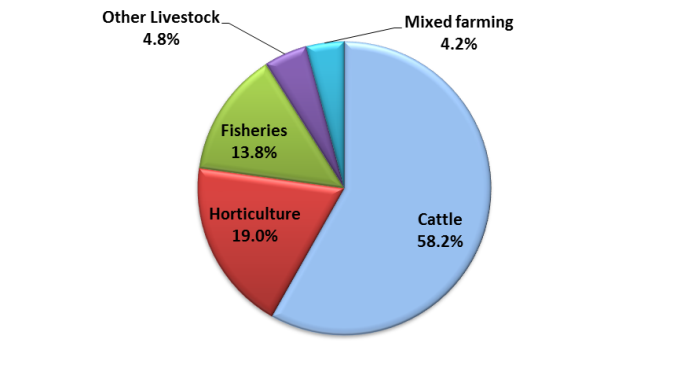
Overview

The rural industries and fisheries in the Northern Territory include cattle (interstate and live export), other livestock (buffalo, crocodiles and horses), horticulture (fruit, vegetables, nursery and cut flowers) and mixed farming (field crops, hay and seeds, and forestry). The fisheries industry comprises harvesting of wild catch (including the Northern Prawn Fleet) and aquaculture. A substantial recreational fishing sector generates tourism activity and provides lifestyle amenity. The percentage contribution of each industry to the rural and fisheries total is illustrated in Figure 1, with the cattle, fisheries and horticulture industries being the major players.

*Figure 1: Contribution of Industry to Sector Production Value, 2014-15*



Source: Department of Primary Industry and Fisheriesdata collections

The rural industries and fisheries have significant links to other sectors of the Territory economy such as manufacturing, transport and storage, retail and wholesale trade. These industries are vital in regional areas, providing economic stimulus and employment for approximately 1,400 persons in 2014-15 (ABS). This labour force estimate is subject to high sampling variability. The sectors also account for a significant proportion of the Territory's non-mineral export revenue. Territory rural industries and fisheries accounted for 1.8% of Gross State Product (GSP) in 2014-15, below the national proportion of 2.3% (Table 1). Exports of Territory rural and fisheries produce are dominated by live cattle exports (mainly to Indonesia), aquaculture, fishing, forestry and to a lesser extent agriculture services.

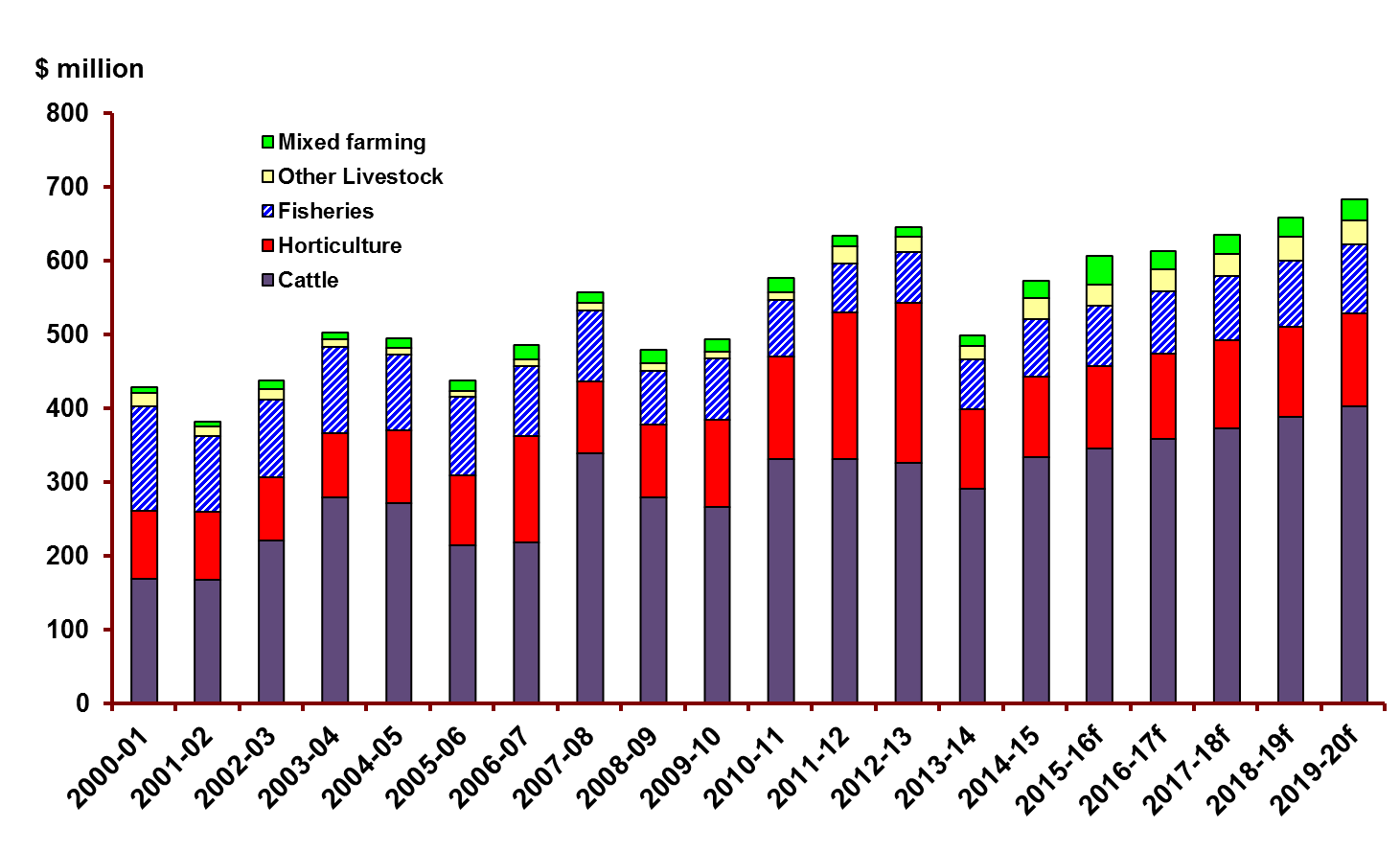
In 2014-15, the total estimated value of rural industries and fisheries production was $572.8 million, an increase of 15.0% over the previous year, a result reflective of the improving conditions for NT primary industries and fisheries (see Figure 2). The increase is primarily due to a 14.8% increase in the value of cattle production to $333.5 million (driven by live exports and abattoir demand), a 15.3% increase in fisheries production to $79.2 million (driven by the wild stock catch and aquaculture output), a 51.8% rise in other livestock production (mainly crocodile production) to $27.3 million, a 81.1% increase in the value of field crops to $24.0 million (driven by hay-fodder for cattle production), and a 1.0% increase in the value of horticultural production to $108.7 million.

*Table 1: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Contribution to GSP by State*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **2014-15** | **% Contribution to GSP** |
| Tasmania | 9.0% |
| South Australia | 4.9% |
| Victoria | 2.8% |
| Queensland | 2.4% |
| Western Australia | 1.8% |
| **Northern Territory** | **1.8%** |
| New South Wales | 1.3% |
| Australian Capital Territory | 0.04% |
| **Australia (% of GDP)** | **2.3%** |

Source: ABS 5220.0

*Figure 2: Northern Territory Rural Industries and Fisheries Production Value*



Source: Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries data collections

*Table 2: Gross Value of Territory Rural Industries and Fisheries Production ($ million)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Value of horticultural production ($ million)*** | | | | | | |
|  | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16f** | **2016-17f** | **2017-18f** |
| Mangoes | 69.4 | 35.0 | 36.1 | 37.2 | 38.3 | 39.4 |
| Table Grapes | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Bananas | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Melons | 63.7 | 34.0 | 35.1 | 36.1 | 37.2 | 38.3 |
| Other fruits | 0.6 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Vegetables | 59.9 | 16.1 | 16.6 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 18.1 |
| Turf | 0.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Nursery & Cut Flowers | 16.2 | 17.4 | 17.9 | 18.5 | 19.0 | 19.6 |
| **Total** | **216.8** | **107.7** | **108.7** | **112.0** | **115.3** | **118.8** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Value of fisheries production ($ million)*** | | | | | | |
|  | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16f** | **2016-17f** | **2017-18f** |
| Fish | 27.7 | 26.0 | 26.2 | 27.0 | 27.8 | 28.7 |
| Crustaceans | 6.4 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Aquaculture | 25.3 | 15.2 | 24.1 | 24.8 | 25.5 | 26.3 |
| Molluscs & Echinoderms | 0.01 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Total NT Fisheries** | **59.4** | **45.6** | **55.1** | **56.5** | **58.2** | **60.0** |
| Crustaceans-NPF | 9.5 | 23.1 | 24.0 | 25.0 | 26.0 | 27.1 |
| **Total Fisheries** | **68.9** | **68.7** | **79.2** | **81.5** | **84.2** | **87.0** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Value of cattle, other livestock and mixed farming ($ million)*** | | | | | | |
|  | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16f** | **2016-17f** | **2017-18f** |
| Cattle | 326.0 | 290.5 | 333.5 | 345.0 | 358.9 | 372.9 |
| Other Livestock | 20.8 | 18.0 | 27.3 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 30.5 |
| Field crops | 13.0 | 13.3 | 24.0 | 24.8 | 25.5 | 26.3 |
| Poppy | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Forestry | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Total** | **359.8** | **321.8** | **384.9** | **412.9** | **413.8** | **429.6** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Total Northern Territory Rural Industries and Fisheries Production Value ($ million)*** | | | | | | |
|  | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16f** | **2016-17f** | **2017-18f** |
| **Horticulture** | 216.8 | 107.7 | 108.7 | 112.0 | 115.3 | 118.8 |
| **Fisheries** | 68.9 | 68.7 | 79.2 | 81.5 | 84.2 | 87.0 |
| **Cattle** | 326.0 | 290.5 | 333.5 | 345.0 | 358.9 | 372.9 |
| **Other Livestock** | 20.8 | 18.0 | 27.3 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 30.5 |
| **Field crops** | 13.0 | 13.3 | 24.0 | 24.8 | 25.5 | 26.3 |
| **Poppy** | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Forestry** | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Grand Total** | **645.4** | **498.1** | **572.8** | **606.4** | **613.4** | **635.4** |

Source: Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries data collections, f = forecast

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

NPF = Northern Prawn Fleet (Commonwealth‑managed fishery)

Forecasting Notes

No data was collected for Bananas and Table grapes for 2014-15 therefore no forecasts were generated.

No forecasts were generated for Poppy as the $2.4m (2015-16) represents a trial crop not full production

No forecasts were generated for Forestry as the $12.2m (2015-16) represents only the first two shipments of woodchips and a forecast is not available at this time.

**Please use this data from 1 May 2016 to 31 May 2017 only.**

*Table 3: Gross Value of Territory Rural Industries and Fisheries Production (Percentage changes)*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **11-12 to 12-13** | **12-13 to 13-14** | **13-14 to 14-15** |
|  | **%** | **%** | **%** |
| Mangoes | -13.2% | -49.5% | 3.0% |
| Table Grapes | -74.1% | -100.0% | 0.0% |
| Bananas | -52.4% | -100.0% | 0.0% |
| Melons | 6.8% | -46.6% | 3.0% |
| Other fruits | -84.0% | 550.5% | -84.2% |
| Vegetables | 188.9% | -73.1% | 3.0% |
| Turf | 0.0% | 0.0% | 66.7% |
| Nursery & Cut Flowers | -3.1% | 7.7% | 3.0% |
| **Total** | **9.3%** | **-50.3%** | **1.0%** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **11-12 to 12-13** | **12-13 to 13-14** | **13-14 to 14-15** |
|  | **%** | **%** | **%** |
| Fish | 7.8% | -6.3% | 1.0% |
| Crustaceans | -22.5% | -33.6% | 8.5% |
| Aquaculture | 46.9% | -39.9% | 58.4% |
| Molluscs & Echinoderms | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Total NT Fisheries** | 15.7% | -23.3% | 21.1% |
| Crustaceans - NPF | -37.7% | 143.6% | 4.0% |
| **Total Fisheries** | **3.5%** | **-0.3%** | **15.3%** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **11-12 to 12-13** | **12-13 to 13-14** | **13-14 to 14-15** |
|  | **%** | **%** | **%** |
| Cattle | -1.7% | -10.9% | 14.8% |
| Other Livestock | -7.4% | -13.6% | 51.8% |
| Field crops | -11.3% | 2.3% | 81.1% |
| Poppy | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Forestry | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **11-12 to 12-13** | **12-13 to 13-14** | **13-14 to 14-15** |
|  | **%** | **%** | **%** |
| **Horticulture** | 9.3% | -50.3% | 1.0% |
| **Fisheries** | 3.5% | -0.3% | 15.3% |
| **Cattle** | -1.7% | -10.9% | 14.8% |
| **Other Livestock** | -7.4% | -13.6% | 51.8% |
| **Field crops** | -11.3% | 2.3% | 81.1% |
| **Poppy** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Forestry** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Total** | **1.8%** | **-22.8%** | **15.0%** |

Source: Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries data collections

NPF = Northern Prawn Fleet (Commonwealth‑managed fishery)

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