

**A summary of the top Producers and Landholders in Australian Primary Production
Major Industry Sectors.**

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Top Landholders.

	Owner	HQ	Holdings	Million Ha
1	Stanbroke Pastoral	Brisbane	NT 3, Qld 24	More than 12.7
2	Kidman Holdings	Adelaide	Qld 6, SA 4, WA 1, NSW 1,	App 11
3	AA Company	Brisbane	NT 4, Qld 14	6.52
4	North Australia Pastoral Co.	Brisbane	NT 2, Qld 12	5.71
5	Consolidated Pastoral Co.	Sydney	NT 7, WA 3, Qld 4, NSW 2, Vic 1	5.23
6	Jumbuck Pastoral	Adelaide	SA 9, NSW 3, WA 7, Qld 1	5.03
7	McDonald Holdings	North Qld.	Qld 11	3.37
8	Heytesbury Beef	Perth	WA 3, NT 8	3.34
9	Brook Family	Birdsville	Qld 2, SA 2	2.69
10	Colonial Agricultural Co.	Sydney	Qld 5, NSW 2, NT 1	2.02
Top 10 landholders control app. 7.3% of Australia's land mass estimated at 780 million Ha.				

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002

Top Wool Growers

	Owner	HQ	Region	# of Bales
1	Jumbuck Pastoral	Adelaide	SA	8600
2	Clyde Agriculture	Sydney	Qld, NSW	6500
3	AJ & PA McBride P/L	Adelaide	SA, WA	4500
4	Twynam Pastoral Co.	Sydney	NSW	4000
5	Bell Securities	Sydney	NSW	3700
6	Twynam Pastoral Co.	Sydney	NSW	3500 – 3700
7	T A Field Estates	Sydney	NSW	3500
8	Tom Brinkworth	Adelaide	SA	3300
9	Russell Pastoral Co.	Central Qld.	Qld	3300
10	Clark and Tait	Brisbane	Qld	3000
Top 10 wool growers produce app. 1.3% of total clip of 3.59 million bales.				

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002

Top Sheep Flocks

	Owner	HQ	Region	# of Head
1	Jumbuck Pastoral	Adelaide	SA	335 000
2	Clyde Agriculture	Sydney	Qld, NSW	270 000
3	AJ & PA McBride P/L	Adelaide	SA, WA	180 000
4	Tom Brinkworth	Adelaide	SA	150 000
5	Twynam Pastoral Co.	Sydney	NSW	140 000
6	Twynam Pastoral Co.	Sydney	NSW	Over 115 000
7	Coventry Family	Armidale NSW	NSW	110 000
8	T A Field Estates	Sydney	NSW	110 000
Top 8 flocks comprise app. 1.25% of total estimated flock of 114 million.				

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002

Top Dairy Producers

	Owner	HQ	Region	# of Head
1	Tasman Agricultural	New Zealand	Tasmania	14 000
2	Leppington Pastoral Co.	Penrith NSW	NSW	3500
3	Alan Pye	Gladstone Tas.	Tasmania	3200
4	Mulcahy Bros.	Kyabram Vic	Vic	3100
5	Moxey Farms	Richmond NSW	NSW	3000
6	Donovans Dairying	Mt Gambier SA	SA	2100
7	Consolidated Pastoral Co	Sydney	Warrnambool	1880
8	Robin Dornauf	Deloraine Tas.	Tasmania	1800
9	Agricultural Developments	Fingal Tas.	Tasmania	1500
Top 9 dairies comprise app. 1.5% of the national dairy herd.				

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002

Top Cotton Growers

	Owner	HQ	Region	# of Bales
1	Twynam Agricultural Group	Sydney	NSW	200 000
2	Auscott Ltd.	Sydney	NSW	120 000
3	Cubbie Station	Dirranbandi Qld.	Qld	105 000
4	Clyde Agriculture	Sydney	NSW	60 000
5	Tandou Ltd.	Gol Gol NSW	NSW	53 000
6	Carrington Cotton Corp.	Goondiwindi QLD	Qld. NSW	Over 40 000
Top 6 cotton growers produce app. 18% of total crop est. at 3.2 million bales.				

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002

Top Beef Producers

	Owner	HQ	Turnoff *	# of Head
1	Stanbroke Pastoral	Brisbane	36 207	551 351
2	AA Company	Brisbane	33 865	408 092
3	Consolidated Pastoral Co.	Sydney	15 634	242 000
4	Kidman Holdings Ltd.	Adelaide	14 750	165 000
5	North Australia Pastoral Co.	Brisbane	12 955	188 000
6	Heytesbury Beef	Perth	9 406	201 049
7	Colonial Agricultural Co.	Sydney	8 659	128 277
	* Est. tonnes carcass weight – Source Feedback, MLA 2002			

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002

Top Crop Producers

Owner	HQ	Cropping Details (T = tonnes)
Agreserve	Darlington Point NSW	Maize production app 30 000 T and storage for 20 000 T grain
Auscott	Narrabri NSW	18 000 Ha Cotton and 5000 Ha of wheat
Australian Food and Fibre	Brisbane Qld	15 000 Ha wheat and barley. 5000 Ha Cotton, 2500 Ha of sorghum and sunflower
Clyde Agriculture	Sydney NSW	11 000 Ha cotton, 20 000 Ha wheat, 4000 Ha Canola and chickpeas.
Ron Greentree	Rowena NSW	40 000 Ha Wheat
Harris Family	Rowena NSW	50 000 Ha wheat, 8000 Ha cotton, 5000 maize, 7000 Ha summer crops.
Stanbroke Pastoral	Brisbane Qld	10 500 Ha wheat, 4000 Ha forage crops.
Sundown Pastoral Co.	Moree NSW	17 000 Ha cotton and wheat
Tandou Ltd.	Gol Gol NSW	14 000 Ha irrigated cropping
Twyanm Agricultural Group	Sydney NSW	45 000 Ha wheat, 25 000 Ha cotton, 5000 Ha pulses, 3000 Ha canola, 4000 Ha rice.

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Insights and Trends.

- Small farms dominate broad-acre and dairy sectors – approximately 65% producing 25% gross value of production.
- Medium, large and very large farms comprise about 1/3 of farms in these sectors but generate 72% GVP.
- In 1998-99 off farm income accounted for an average of ½ total household income in the broad-acre sector.
- In 2000-01 approximately 6.5% of broad-acre farms increased the amount of land they operated.
- In 2000-01 about 1.5 million Ha were added to existing cropping and mixed cropping / livestock enterprises.
- Since 1977-78 farms disposing of land have achieved a superior rate of return that farms buying land on one occasion – 1982-83.
- Excluding capital appreciation, in 2000-01 farms that reduced their holding size achieved a rate of return of 1.3%, compared to 3.4% for expanding enterprises and 1.7% for farms that remained static.
- Medium, large and very large farms generate 76% of farm cash income and carry 70% of farm debt.
- Smaller farms generate 20% of farm case income and carry 30% of farm debt – thus experiencing a comparatively higher debt to earnings ratio.

Source – Australian Farm Journal – October 2002 – ABARE.