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Veggie Stats: Eggplant

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The following Veggie Stats article has been developed specifically to give readers a detailed snapshot of the key facts and figures on eggplant. Veggie Stats utilises data from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) and the Global Trade Atlas, funded by Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited using the National Vegetable Levy and funds from the Australian Government.

It is important to note the data itself provides a broad indication of the

performance of eggplant growers and should be interpreted carefully. The data is presented at the national level and therefore does not account for differences among jurisdictions.

In addition to this, the information provided is not specific to every Australian grower since each enterprise operates differently from one another.

Please note that ABARES and the Australian Bureau of Statistics do not provide financial data or information on annual trends for this commodity.



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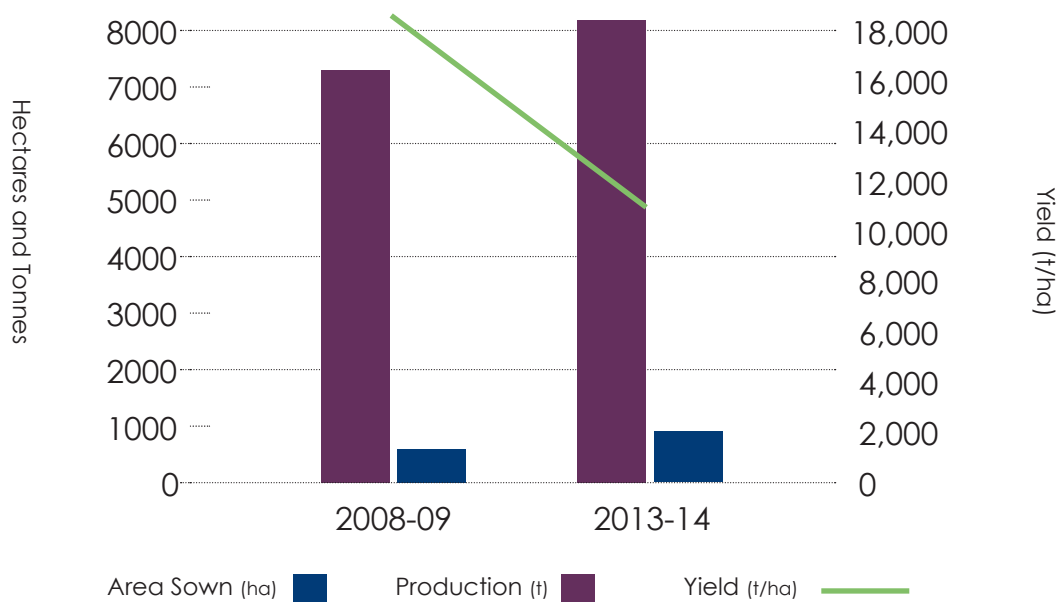
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Eggplant Production – Key facts and figures

- Over the period 2008-09 to 2013-14, eggplant production has increased by 12.2 per cent.
- During the same period, the number of eggplant growers has increased by over 28 per cent to 319 nationally.
- Malaysia is the largest export market for eggplant, representing \$34,139 in 2015-16.
- Queensland has the highest gross value of eggplant production of any state in Australia.
- Eggplant exports have grown over 300 per cent since 2009-10.

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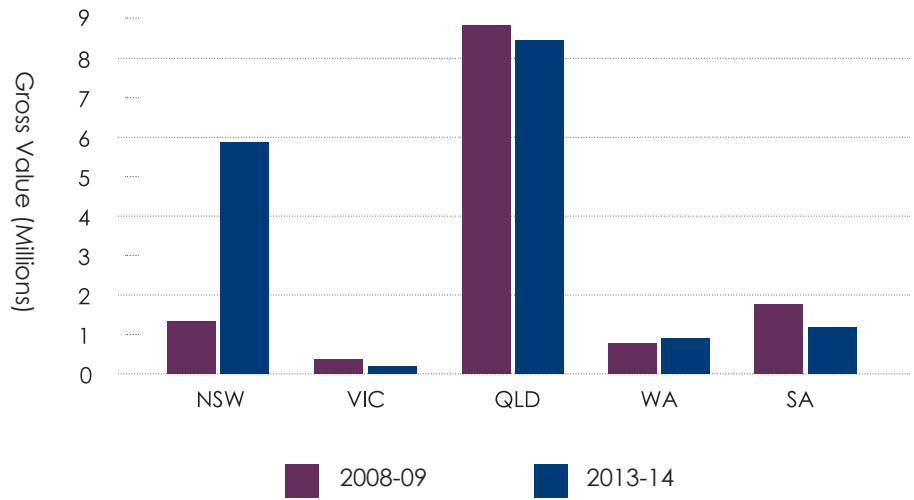
- Eggplant production has increased from 7,258 tonnes in 2008-09 to 8,146 tonnes in 2013-14.
- The area planted has also increased by 368 hectares during the same period.
- Average yield has fallen from 18,280.7kg per hectare in 2008-09 to 10,646kg per hectare in 2013-14.

Gross Value of Production

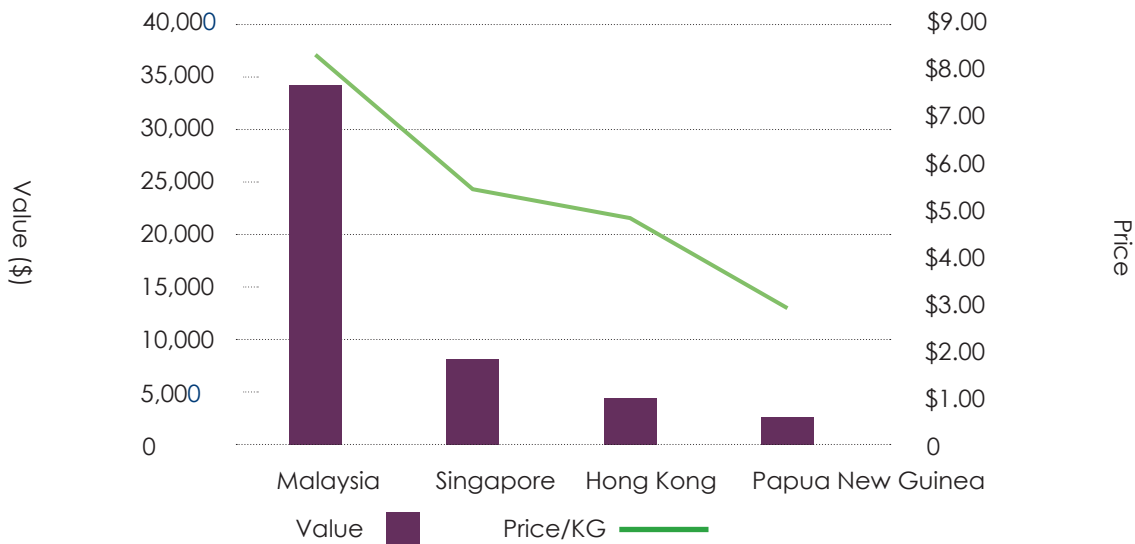
The gross value of eggplant production rose by around 23 per cent from 2008-09 to 2013-14, equal to around \$3.07 million.

Queensland has the largest eggplant industry of all the states, representing just over 50 per cent of the gross value of production nationally in 2013-14.

New South Wales had the largest growth in eggplant production, with the gross value of vegetable production in the state growing by \$4.35 million from 2008-09 to 2013-14. This is the largest rate of growth of all the states over that period.



Key Export Markets 2015-16



- Malaysia is Australia largest eggplant export market in 2015-16, accounting for around 69 per cent of total export value.
- Malaysia also received the highest price per kilo for eggplants at \$8.20 in 2015-16.

Total Exports

The value of eggplant exports grew by \$37,684 (325 per cent) over the period 2009-10 to 2015-16.

Eggplant exports were at their highest in 2013-14, valued at around \$67,000.

Over the last three years, the value of eggplant exports was estimated to be worth over \$150,000.

