



Border Rivers

The Border Rivers catchment, which straddles the NSW Queensland Border in North West NSW stretches from Stanthorpe, Tenterfield, Glen Innes and Inverell to Goondiwindi and Mungindi. The catchment spans about 400 kilometres east to west and 100 kilometres north to south.

The major commodities grown in the catchment are cotton, vegetables and cereals (sorghum, maize).

Irrigated agriculture covers just 0.7% of the area of the catchment but contributes 30.7% of the total production.

Across the valley, agriculture is the biggest employer, providing jobs for 3,030 people, more than 24.4% of the working population.

The Border Rivers at a glance



Major Rivers:
Macintyre, Dumaresq,
Macintyre Brook and Weir

- Catchment Size (NSW)= 28 000 sq km
- Catchment Population = 50 000
- Major Towns = Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Inverell, Boggabilla and Mungindi in NSW and Texas, Inglewood, Stanthorpe and Goondiwindi in QLD.
- Major Dams:
 - Pindari (near Ashford)
 - Glenlyon (near Texas, Queensland)
 - Coolmunda (near Inglewood, Queensland)
- When combined with the Queensland portion of the catchment The Border Rivers and Moonie Rivers Catchment has a combined area of 64 400 sq km¹.

¹ Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources

The Value of Irrigated Agriculture in the Border Rivers (2000/01)*		
	Total Production that is irrigated (%)	Value of Irrigated Production (\$ millions)
Pastures for stock feed	58.9	7.5
Crops for Hay	24.0	1.2
Cereals for grain	7.4	9.7
Other Crops	74.8	162.0
Vegetables	85.5	41.9
Fruit (excluding grapes)	60.1	23.6
Grapes	80.3	.28
Livestock slaughterings	1.7	4.1
Livestock products	7.9	5.0
TOTAL	33.4	255.7
NSW TOTAL	30.7	2713

*Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000

Where can I get more info?

- Border Rivers Food and Fibre
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- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources
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* Statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000 unless otherwise stated.