



## Hawkesbury Nepean Valley

The Hawkesbury Nepean Valley stretches from north of Gosford, south to Nowra, west to Lithgow and Goulburn and east to Sydney. The valley does not include the suburbs of Sydney seawards from Hornsby, Parramatta, Liverpool and Campbelltown.

Land use in the valley is highly diverse, from huge areas of bushland, urban development, coal mining, power generation, water supply, sand and gravel extraction and agriculture.

Irrigated agriculture is concentrated on the fringes of the Sydney Basin, where most of the city's fruit, vegetables, cut flowers, garden plants and turf are sourced. Nearly all of the vegetables (except for mushrooms) and more than 90% of fruits produced are irrigated.

In addition, the catchment supplies drinking water to the entire population of Greater Sydney.

The Value of Irrigated Agriculture in the Hawkesbury Nepean Valley (2000/01)*		
	Total Production that is irrigated (%)	Value of Irrigated Production (\$ millions)
Pastures for stock feed	48.7	0.38
Crops for Hay	24.0	0.01
Cereals for grain	23.4	0.017
Other Crops	99.8	62.7
Vegetables	41.0	26.9
Fruit (excluding grapes)	91.3	11.24
Grapes	84.4	0.85
Livestock slaughterings	0.1	0.21
Livestock products	9.9	6.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>108.54</b>
<b>NSW TOTAL</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>2713</b>

\*Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000

### The Hawkesbury Nepean at a glance



Major Rivers:  
Hawkesbury, Nepean,  
Colo, Wollondilly,  
Shoalhaven.

- Catchment Size = 31,030 sq km
- Catchment Population = 1,090,000
- Major Towns = Sydney, Wollongong, Gosford, Goulburn, Katoomba, Lithgow.
- Major Dams:
  - Nepean
  - Cataract
  - Avon
  - Cordeaux
  - Warragamba
  - Burragarang

### Where can I get more info?

- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources  
[www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au)

\* Statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000 unless otherwise stated.