

NSW IRRIGATORS' COUNCIL

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Hunter Valley

The Hunter Valley just north of Sydney, stretches from the east coast, west to Cassilis, north to Murrurundi, and south to Newcastle. The catchment is bordered by the Barrington, Mount Royal, Great Dividing, Liverpool and Watagan Ranges.

Land use in the valley is diverse, with major uses being mining, power generation, urban development and agriculture.

Agriculture too is diverse, with world-renowned vineyards, major dairying establishments thorough bred horse studs.

Across the valley, agriculture provides jobs for 4,143 people, nearly 4% of the working population.

The Hunter at a glance



Major Rivers: Hunter, Patterson, Goulburn, Merriwa, Glennies Creek, Wollombi Brook, Wybong Creek.

- Catchment Size = $22,000 \text{ km}^2$
- Catchment Population = 350,000
- Major Towns = Newcastle, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Cessnock, Singleton, Scone, Merriwa.
- Major Dams:
 - o Glenbawn (near Scone)
 - o Glennies Creek (near Singleton)
 - Lostock (near Gresford)
- Regulated river length = 360km
- Natural annual flows in the Hunter River average about 1,040,000ML¹
- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources
- * Statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000 unless otherwise stated.

	Valley (2000/01)*	Value of
	Total Production that is irrigated (%)	Value of Irrigated Production (\$ millions)
Pastures for stock feed	57.0	4.0
Crops for Hay	24.0	0.06
Cereals for grain	7.5	0.33
Other Crops	93.2	5.35
Vegetables	100	4.51
Fruit (excluding grapes)	61.4	0.53
Grapes	80.1	15.01
Livestock slaughterings	0.7	0.78
Livestock products	34.6	22.69
TOTAL	23.4	53.36
NSW TOTAL	30.7	2713

Where can I get more info?

- Hunter Valley Water Users Association aburns@hunterlink.net.au
- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au