



The South Coast

The South East Coast of NSW, stretches from Bateman's Bay to the Victorian Border and inland to Jindabyne and Bombala. Irrigated agriculture is mainly pastures for dairying and horticultural produce, including potatoes and stone fruits such as nectarines and peaches.

Agriculture is the 8th largest employer along the coast, providing jobs for nearly 7% of the working population.

The Value of Irrigated Agriculture in the South Coast (2000/01)*		
	Total Production that is irrigated (%)	Value of Irrigated Production (\$ millions)
Pastures for stock feed	43.3	0.80
Crops for Hay	24.0	0.03
Cereals for grain	19.6	0.16
Other Crops	98.7	11.4
Vegetables	37.1	3.3
Fruit (exc. grapes)	84.0	1.6
Grapes	91.9	0.45
Livestock slaughterings	2.1	0.96
Livestock products	39.8	35.52
TOTAL	33.5	54.33
NSW TOTAL	30.7	2713

*Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000

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The North Coast of NSW Catchment stretches from the Queensland Border near Murwillumbah to Nelson Bay in the South, west to the Great Divide and east to the Pacific Ocean. Irrigated agriculture is mainly pastures for dairying and horticulture, including potatoes, avocados, almonds, macadamia nuts and stone fruits. Along the coast, agriculture is the third largest employer after retail trade and health and community services, providing jobs for 14,830 people, nearly 9% of the working population.

The Value of Irrigated Agriculture in the North Coast (2000/01)*		
	Total Production that is irrigated (%)	Value of Irrigated Production (\$ millions)
Pastures for stock feed	46.7	1.2
Crops for Hay	24.0	0.11
Cereals for grain	49.3	2.3
Other Crops	43.6	39.6
Vegetables	93.5	25.0
Fruit (exc. grapes)	52	53.7
Grapes	80.0	0.09
Livestock slaughterings	1.5	4.2
Livestock products	33.1	56.6
TOTAL	27.2	183.0
NSW TOTAL	30.7	2713

*Australian Bureau of Statistics Agricultural Census 2000

The South Coast at a glance



Major Rivers: Clyde, Tuross, Snowy, Bega and Bombala.

- Catchment Size = 20,040 sq km
- Catchment Population = 175,706
- Major Towns = Bateman's Bay, Narooma, Merimbula, Bega, Eden, Bombala, Jindabyne

The North Coast at a glance



Major Rivers: Tweed, Manning, Richmond, Clarence, Nymboida, Macleay, Hastings.
Major Aquifers: Stuarts Point, Alstonville and Dorrigo

- Catchment Size = 55,418 sq km
- Catchment Population = 502,702
- Major Towns = Armidale, Lismore, Ballina, Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey, Port Macquarie.