

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Agriculture, forestry and fisheries accounted for 1.8 per cent of Territory GSP in 2007-08, and 2.6 per cent of resident employment.

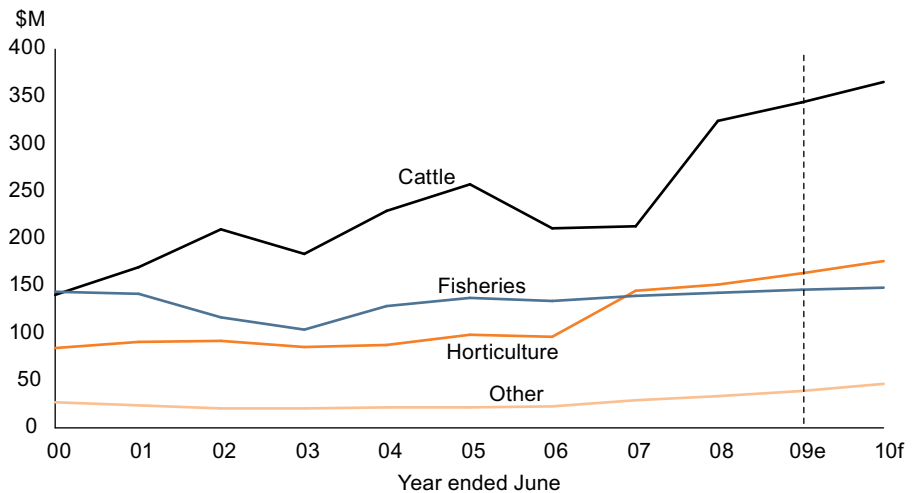
The value of these activities increased by an estimated 6.4 per cent to \$698 million in 2008-09. The cattle sector is historically the largest component of the agriculture, forestry and fisheries industry, comprising about 49 per cent of production value in 2007-08.

Cattle numbers are forecast to increase in 2009-10, with good seasons providing sufficient feed to rebuild herd numbers reduced during the recent drought. Live cattle exports are forecast to remain steady in 2009-10, with about 300 000 head to be sent to Indonesia and South East Asia.

Horticulture contributed 29 per cent, or \$157 million, to the total value of agriculture, forestry and fisheries production in 2007-08. Key products are mangoes, melons, cut flowers and vegetables.

Fisheries contributed about 21 per cent, or \$150 million of the total value of agriculture, forestry and fisheries production in 2007-08. About 57 per cent of the value of production is represented by the Commonwealth-managed Northern Prawn Fishery.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Value of Production (nominal dollars)



e: estimate; f: forecast

Source: Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources