

## Sources of market information

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### Phone/fax services

#### Grains

AWB Grower Service Centre phone number: 1800 054 433 The Grower Service Centre receives calls relating to various harvest related activities including: AWB Pools, Cash contracts, Payment and paperwork information, AWB Harvest Finance options, Grower Registration details, Website Registration requirements, Grain Warehouse Transfers and Receival Standards.

#### Wool prices (AWEX)

Pollfax Market Reports 1902 942 070

Voice – recorded messages of Market Reports 1902 942 045

#### Fruit and vegetable prices

Ausmarket operates a faxback service. Dial 1902 262 580 on your fax and follow instructions to receive a Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide Fruit or Vegetable Market Report by Fax. Reports are updated by 1 PM EST each working day. The cost of each report is \$4.75 (incl GST, as of mid-January 2011). Reports are also available by paid email subscription which may be a cheaper option if you require regular reports, refer to [www.ausmarket.com.au](http://www.ausmarket.com.au) or phone 07-3379 4576 or email [admin@ausmarket.com.au](mailto:admin@ausmarket.com.au) for details.

#### Newsletters

Newsletters provide up to date market information. The following is a sample of what is available.

**ProFarmer** produces paid subscription newsletters. The "ProFarmer Newsletter" covers review and analysis of international events influencing the markets for broadacre grains (wheat, canola, barley, sorghum, pulses and feedgrains), plus information on wool and livestock markets (including beef, sheep and lambs). The "ProFarmer Market Update" summarises state specific reports including weekly cash prices for wheat, canola, barley, oilseeds, feedgrains and pulses - including pool prices and cash. Phone 1300 302 143 for subscription details or subscribe via their website at [www.profarmer.com.au](http://www.profarmer.com.au) A four-week free trial of the service is available.

**ABARES** (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences) is a research bureau within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. It produces the free quarterlies "Australian Crop Report" and "Australian Commodities", "Australian Wheat Supply and Exports Monthly" and other publications available free on their website at [www.abares.gov.au/publications](http://www.abares.gov.au/publications) in PDF or Excel format. The Crop Report contains an overall assessment of crop prospects and national estimates of yield, area and production, as well as a summary of regional conditions. Phone (02) 6272 2000 for further information, much of the information published by ABARES is available free-of-charge.

**Australian Grain Accumulation (AGA)** lists daily prices for major grains by location and grade within most Australian regions, also available by free email subscription from local offices, the full list of office phone numbers is at [www.agas.com.au](http://www.agas.com.au)

**FarMarCo** (based in Toowoomba) provides market information, brokerages, price risk management services and marketing consultancies. See [www.farmarco.com.au](http://www.farmarco.com.au), email [farmarco@farmarco.com.au](mailto:farmarco@farmarco.com.au) or phone 1800 688 884 or 07 4637 6400 for more information.

**Special One Grain provides** "The Specialist" Grower Information Bulletin, refer to [www.specialonegrain.com.au](http://www.specialonegrain.com.au) or phone 1300 28 12 28 or email [admin@wsoc.com.au](mailto:admin@wsoc.com.au) for more information. A grower-owned grain marketer and pool manager, the company provides Grain

Marketing Services, Insurance Brokerage, Market Commentary, Grain Pool Estimates, Cash Price listings and other services.

**MLA “Meat & Livestock Weekly”** eNewsletter which provides the latest information, news and analysis for domestic and international meat and livestock markets, free for MLA members. [www.mla.com.au/prices-and-markets](http://www.mla.com.au/prices-and-markets)

## Internet

The following list of some Internet resources may be of interest. It would also be advisable to use a web search engine or index to search for topics of interest.

### Search engines

- Australian
  - » AltaVista Australia [au.altavista.com](http://au.altavista.com)
  - » Google Australia [www.google.com.au](http://www.google.com.au)
  - » Yahoo Australia [au.search.yahoo.com](http://au.search.yahoo.com)
- Other/ Overseas agriculture
  - » Agriculture Network Information Centre [www.agnic.org](http://www.agnic.org)
  - » Ask.com [search.ask.com](http://search.ask.com)

### Grains information web pages

Many current grain price report summaries require either the free Acrobat Acrobat PDF (or other) reader, see [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

- The **Grains Research and Development Corporation** (GRDC) website contains information for growers, media releases, Research & Development activities, Events & Publications (including the GroundCover newspaper, GRDC Research Update meeting papers, Podcasts, Handbooks and Factsheets). [www.grdc.com.au](http://www.grdc.com.au)
- The **AWB** website contains information on AWB products and services, Daily Market Comment, and AWB Site Based Prices and Pool details at [www.awb.com.au/growers/](http://www.awb.com.au/growers/)
- **Australian Grain Accumulation** (AGA) lists daily prices for major grains by location and grade within most Australian regions, also available by free email subscription from local offices [www.agas.com.au](http://www.agas.com.au)
- **Elders Market Reports** for grains, livestock and wool. [www.elders.com.au/marketreports/](http://www.elders.com.au/marketreports/)
- **GrainCorp** – Harvest Reports, Harvest Bulletins, Receival Standards and Variations, Grower Warehousing Documents, Grower GrainTransact Documents, Grades at Sites Report [www.graincorp.com.au](http://www.graincorp.com.au)

- **Pulse Australia** lists pulse market overviews, standards, traders and pulse industry statistics. Also lists current chemical permits. [www.pulseaus.com.au](http://www.pulseaus.com.au)
- **Namoi Cotton** Includes the "Daily Market Report". [www.namoicotton.com.au](http://www.namoicotton.com.au)
- **Queensland Cotton**. Membership required for access to grower services, phone 07-3250 3300 or email [admin@qcotton.com.au](mailto:admin@qcotton.com.au) or see [www.qcotton.com.au](http://www.qcotton.com.au)
- **Ozcotton** - Australian Cotton Industry website includes commodities information links. [www.ozcotton.net](http://www.ozcotton.net)

### Livestock information web pages

- The **National Livestock Reporting Service** can be accessed on the MLA website at [www.mla.com.au/prices-and-markets](http://www.mla.com.au/prices-and-markets). Information is collected on a range of Australian cattle, lamb, sheep and goat market statistics including national indicators, feeder cattle, slaughter levels and, saleyard, over-the-hooks, hides, skins and wholesale meat markets. MLA members are entitled to download free detailed reports and can receive NLRs saleyard and/or over-the-hooks reports by email free of charge. Non-members are able to download reports at a cost. Paid email subscriptions and SMS services are available also, phone 1800 023 100 or email [nlrs@mla.com.au](mailto:nlrs@mla.com.au) for more information. Free summary reports can be found at [theland.farmonline.com.au/markets.aspx](http://theland.farmonline.com.au/markets.aspx)
- **Meat and Livestock Australia** has information on the red meat industry structure, overview, meat safety and traceability, research and development and marketing.  
The “Red meat market reports” series covers trends in key red meat markets around the world (free).  
Also lists a number of decision support tools such as Cost of Production for beef and lamb, Stocking rates, Feed demand and budgeting, Reproduction, Animal health, Pasture growth, selection and improvement and Fertiliser Options, plus information on business management and preparation of livestock for market.  
[www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au)
- **Cattlefacts** - produced by Australian CATTLEFACTS, an independent, cattlemen owned market intelligence network. You can register for free as a guest to access most of the site, but paid membership is required for full market reports. [www.cattlefacts.com.au](http://www.cattlefacts.com.au)

- **Australian Pork Limited (APL)** has a market reporting service which publishes “Eyes and Ears” - a weekly newsletter with information on pig prices and pork wholesale prices and a weekly feed grain update. The “Imports, Exports, Domestic Production Report” provides a comprehensive overview of the country of origin for pork imports, major export destinations for farmed Australian pork and offal and Australian slaughter and production trends. Both reports are free, PDF format. [www.apl.au.com](http://www.apl.au.com)
- **Australian Wool Innovation Ltd (AWI)** provides information on wool production, harvesting & selling, shearer training, manufacturing (topmaking, spinning, dyeing & finishing), retailing, issues and markets. Also lists a number of decision support tools such as LiceBoss, WormBoss, Timerite and Woolcheque. [www.wool.com/default.htm](http://www.wool.com/default.htm)
- **Woolcheque.** Free web-based wool pricing tool funded by AWI, allows growers to independently price their wool clip based on the latest daily or historical wool prices. Woolcheque uses a worksheet to store information about each line of wool or lot in the clip. [www.woolcheque.com.au](http://www.woolcheque.com.au)
- **Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX).** Market reports such as the National Daily Wool Market Report, Weekly Wool Market Report, Superfine Wool Report (Weekly), Wool Exports Snapshot (Monthly) and Woolshed Weekly are produced by the AWEX Online website, fax, poll fax, SMS, voice recording or email and are produced daily and weekly. Most require a subscription, see the website at [www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au), or phone 02-9428 6130 or email [subscriptions@awex.com.au](mailto:subscriptions@awex.com.au) for more information.

### General interest web pages

- **Industry & Investment NSW, Primary Industries, Agriculture** This website includes a wide range of publications and other information, the department provides a wide range of services in many areas of primary industry development, production and education [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture)
- **NSW Government**—including links to all NSW Government agencies. [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)
- The web site of the **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia** is the main entry point to Australian electronic information on agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries. [www.daff.gov.au](http://www.daff.gov.au)
- **Queensland Department of Primary Industries** provides information on DPI

activities and hosts some e-mail lists. The Long Paddock contains information on climate variability, SOI and rainfall probability maps. [www.dpi.qld.gov.au](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au)

- The **Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology**—information on the weather and the climate, including the latest satellite pictures, forecasts, charts and warnings. [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)
- The **Australian Bureau of Statistics** lists statistical summaries of Australia and its States and Territories, Key National Indicators, ABS Catalogue Publications, contact details of libraries which hold a collection of ABS publications and ABS Papers and Classifications, including Information papers, Occasional papers and Directories. [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)
- **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** Latest information on a wide range of trade issues and policies, including trade balances with various regions, export volumes, free-trade agreement developments and submission invitations. [www.dfat.gov.au/trade/index.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/trade/index.html)
- **NSW Food Authority** The NSW Food Authority was formed by merging SafeFood NSW with the food regulatory activities of NSW Health. As Australia’s first completely integrated or “through-chain” food regulation agency, the NSW Food Authority is responsible for food safety across the entire food industry, from primary production to point-of-sale. The NSW Food Authority provides the regulation framework for industry to produce safe and correctly labelled food. The Authority also educates consumers on food safety. [www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au](http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au)
- **The Land** at FarmOnline lists news, weather, and properties for sale plus market reports for cotton, financial, livestock, meat and wool. [theland.farmonline.com.au](http://theland.farmonline.com.au)
- **Google Groups** Searchable Web-based archive of newsgroups discussions, you can search for a particular topic or newsgroup. [groups.google.com](http://groups.google.com)

### Foreign sites

- **The Grain Marketing Page** [www.grainfarmer.com/grainmarkets.htm](http://www.grainfarmer.com/grainmarkets.htm)
- **USDA Economics, Statistics and Market Information** for major USA agricultural commodities. [usda.mannlib.cornell.edu](http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu)
- **USDA Agricultural Marketing Service** [www.ams.usda.gov](http://www.ams.usda.gov)
- **CME Group Agricultural Products** Provides links to US and Canadian industry reports (e.g.

USDA Supply & Demand Review)  
[www.cmegroup.com/trading/agricultural/index.html](http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/agricultural/index.html)

- **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada** The Agri-Food Trade Service Market Information page lists market reports organised by product and country or region [www.ats.agr.gc.ca/info/info-eng.htm](http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca/info/info-eng.htm)
- **StatPub** Canadian site which lists market updates for many commodities. Requires a subscription to access most of the detailed reports. [www.statpub.com](http://www.statpub.com)
- **European Commission Agriculture and Rural Development** Recently published the report "Prospects for agricultural markets and income 2010-2020"  
[ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm)

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