

## Sources of market information

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### Phone/infobox/fax services

#### Grains

Graincorp has a daily Grain Marketing InfoFax service available across Queensland, NSW and Victoria; contact your divisional office for information.

AWB Grower Service Centre phone number: 1800 054 433 Options include Golden Rewards Matrices fax, Grainflow Site Price fax or to speak to a Grower Services officer.

#### Livestock Prices

The National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRs) offers reports via its fax-on-demand service. Pollfax 1902 910 711 for a 2-page list of instructions

Reports may also be delivered (on subscription) by email or fax, see the NLRs website at [www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au) for more details.

#### Fruit and Vegetable Prices

Control Quality Services is an Ausmarket service, and Ausmarket operates a INFOCALL faxback service for Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth fruit and vegetable price reports: Pollfax 1902 262 580 and follow instructions to choose which report you wish to receive.

To contact the Sydney Market Report Service phone 02 9746 3437

### Newsletters

Newsletters also provide up to date market information. It would probably be best to trial them before choosing one, since some take different approaches. The following is a sample of what is available.

**FarMarCo** publishes subscription newsletters including the Weekly Futures Summary, containing analysis of the futures market, one-page Daily Futures Closes, Weekly Meal Report and CottonWatch for cotton marketing analysis and services. See [www.farmarco.com.au](http://www.farmarco.com.au) or phone (07) 4637 6400 for more information.

**Profarmer** produces a weekly email newsletter on grains, wool and meat, phone 1300 302 143 for subscription details. You can also subscribe via their website at [www.profarmer.com.au](http://www.profarmer.com.au)

**ABARE** (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics) produces the quarterly "Crop Report", available free on their website at [www.abareconomics.com](http://www.abareconomics.com) in PDF or Excel format. It 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.

### Internet

Following is list of some Internet resources that may be of interest. This is not an exhaustive list and it would also be advisable to use a web search engine or index to search for topics of interest.

#### Web search engines and indexes.

- Australian
  - Yahoo Australia [au.search.yahoo.com](http://au.search.yahoo.com)
  - Web Wombat [www.webwombat.com.au](http://www.webwombat.com.au)
  - Google Australia [www.google.com.au](http://www.google.com.au)



- Australian Agriculture
  - Australian Government Agriculture Portal [www.agriculture.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.gov.au)
  - Infarmation provides links to Australian and international agricultural resources. [www.infarmation.com.au](http://www.infarmation.com.au)
- Other/ Overseas agriculture
  - Agriculture Network Information Centre [www.agnic.org](http://www.agnic.org)
  - Agrisurf [www.agrisurf.com](http://www.agrisurf.com)
  - AltaVista [www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)
  - HotBot [www.hotbot.com](http://www.hotbot.com)
  - Infoseek [infoseek.go.com](http://infoseek.go.com)
  - Ask.com [search.ask.com](http://search.ask.com)
  - WebCrawler [www.webcrawler.com](http://www.webcrawler.com)
- 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 Click on the 'Daily Market Report' link. [www.namoicotton.com.au](http://www.namoicotton.com.au)
- Queensland Cotton. Membership required for access to grower services. [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)

#### US-based sites

- The Grain Marketing Page [www.grainfarmer.com/grainmarkets](http://www.grainfarmer.com/grainmarkets)
- Chicago Board of Trade [www.cbot.com](http://www.cbot.com)
- USDA Economics, Statistics and Market Information for major USA agricultural commodities. [usda.mannlib.cornell.edu](http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu)

#### Crop information web pages

- The Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) website ('Grain Zone') contains information for growers, publications and papers, media releases, relevant grains sites and newsgroups. [www.grdc.com.au](http://www.grdc.com.au)
- AWB – website contains information on AWB products and services, Australia's marketing arrangements for wheat and other grains, the history of wheat in Australia, latest press releases and general information about the Australian wheat industry. [www.awb.com.au/growers](http://www.awb.com.au/growers)
- Cargill Australia lists oilseed crop price information, futures information, currency price information, market commentary, oilseed crop figures of major world producers and a list of local Cargill agents. Updated daily. [www.cargill.com.au](http://www.cargill.com.au)
- Elders Market Reports for grains, livestock and wool. [www.elders.com.au/marketreports](http://www.elders.com.au/marketreports)
- Ezigrain – an initiative of Ausbulk Ltd, provides information such as news, weather, grain market reports, receival standards and grain industry contacts. [ezigrain.abb.com.au/home/home.asp](http://ezigrain.abb.com.au/home/home.asp)
- GrainCorp – Grain Storage and Handling in New South Wales. [www.graincorp.com.au](http://www.graincorp.com.au)

#### Livestock information web pages

- Meat and Livestock Australia (formerly the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation), for information on the red meat industry structure, overview, and market intelligence (BeefNet), includes sections on beef, lamb and goatmeat. You can also access the National Livestock Reporting Service from the MLA website at [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 membership is required for full market reports. [www.cattlefacts.com.au](http://www.cattlefacts.com.au)
- Australian Pork Limited (APL) has replaced the functions of the Australian Pork Corporation, the Pig Research and Development Corporation and the Pork Council of Australia. Includes a market reporting service. [www.apl.au.com](http://www.apl.au.com)
- Australian Wool Innovation Ltd (AWI) provides information on wool issues and markets. The website includes a marketing section with wool production forecasts, market intelligence, Woolcheque and where to obtain and how to estimate your wool prices. [www.wool.com.au](http://www.wool.com.au)
- Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX). Market reports are produced by fax or email and or produced daily and weekly. They require a

subscription  
[www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au)

- Woolcheque. Free web-based wool pricing tool funded by AWI  
[www.woolcheque.com.au](http://www.woolcheque.com.au)

#### General interest web pages

- NSW Department of Primary Industries – this website includes a wide range of publications and other information.  
[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)
- Queensland Department of Primary Industries and fisheries – contains 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 Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE) web site lists Products and Services, Agriculture Research, Energy Research, Mineral Research, Natural Resources, Key Contacts and Media Releases.  
[www.abare.gov.au](http://www.abare.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)
- The web site of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Australia) is the main entry point to Australian electronic information on agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food industries.  
[www.affa.gov.au](http://www.affa.gov.au)

- The Land at FarmOnline – Lists properties for sale and market reports for cotton, financial, livestock, meat and wool.  
[theland.farmonline.com.au/home.asp](http://theland.farmonline.com.au/home.asp)
- Google Groups Searchable Web-based archive of USENET (USEr NETwork) newsgroups discussions; you can search for a particular topic or newsgroup.  
[groups.google.com](http://groups.google.com)
- NSW Food Authority. The 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)

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