



Agriculture Industry Snapshots for Landuse Planning

What is an agriculture industry snapshot for planning?

Agricultural industry snapshots are summary statements of the main agricultural industries in all regions across NSW. They enable an understanding of agricultural industry locations, the reasons they exist in those locations and the opportunities and challenges for their further growth.

The information provides evidence for strategic planning to enable agricultural land and agriculturally based economies to be recognised, protected and supported by the NSW planning framework.

Nineteen snapshots have been developed across the 10 Planning Regions in the State. Some regions have more than one snapshot to reflect the diversity of agriculture and farming operations that occur in different parts of a region.

Why do we need the snapshots?

Agricultural industry snapshots provide information to enable a deeper understanding of agricultural industries, their requirements and interactions with suppliers, processing facilities and markets.

Recognition of agricultural industries as a significant contributor economically, environmentally and culturally is the precursor to applying best practice land use planning to enable industry investment and growth.

The planning system can facilitate this by using dedicated land use zones, planning controls and minimum lot sizes to effectively support primary production, even in contested areas.

The snapshots identify that best practice land use planning:

- Provides certainty through strategic planning policy and land use planning controls to enable the appropriate investment environment for industry expansion.
- Relies on the development of rural land use strategies to investigate the local and regional needs of agricultural industries and opportunities for the planning system to provide support.
- Can use Local Environment Plan zones and provisions to separate intensive agriculture from incompatible land uses.
- Specifies minimum lot sizes which incorporate industry requirements and enable the expansion of agricultural industries.



What are the benefits of the snapshots?

The agricultural industry snapshots enable land use planners to understand the needs of different agricultural industries, their multiple values to the community, agricultural assets (land, water, infrastructure and markets) and their contribution to the region.

Understanding their value and contribution will assist with land use planning decisions to support current and future agricultural land uses and managing land use conflicts.

This information will help planning authorities:

- provide more certainty for agribusiness to remain, invest and grow
- plan to reduce land use conflict between agriculture and other land uses
- enable compatible development in zones that permit agriculture
- choose appropriate zones for non-agricultural development
- support essential agricultural assets and the agricultural supply chain
- identify future opportunities for agricultural industries.

What information can I find in a snapshot?

The agricultural industry snapshots provide information from biophysical, infrastructure, socio-economic and industry sources to build a picture of agricultural industries, their requirements and operating environment.

Agricultural assets are outlined to highlight critical industry needs, their importance for industry operations and requirements for future land use planning. Assets such as infrastructure, supporting industries, climate, soils, location advantages and water requirements are discussed for each key agricultural industry.

Key challenges for agricultural industries and possible planning mechanisms to address these challenges are also outlined to support the continuance of existing agriculture and enable future growth and development.

Some challenges discussed include competing land uses, land use conflicts, climate change, changing markets and biosecurity.

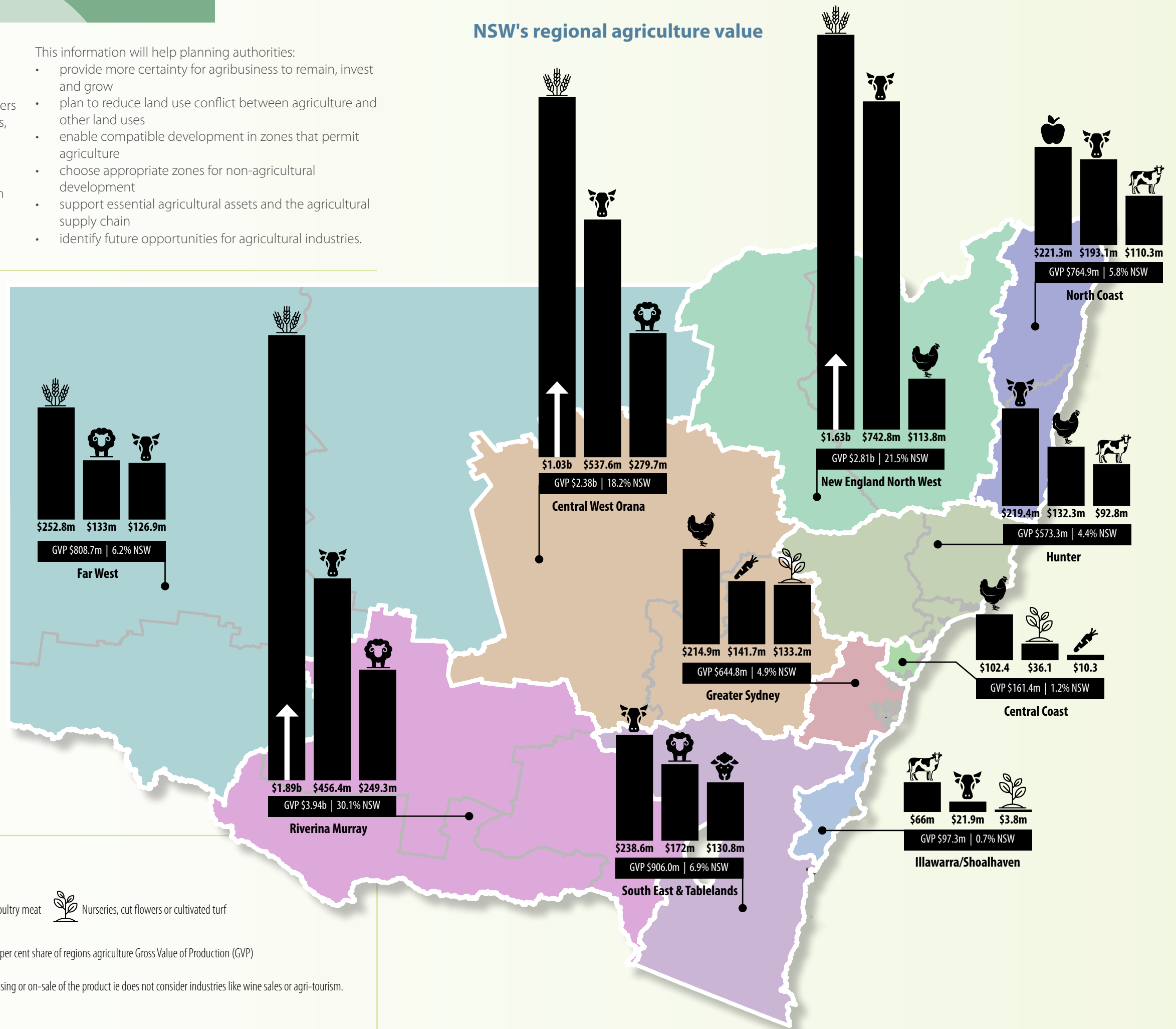
Agricultural industry opportunities are also presented, outlining alternative solutions for land use planning challenges such as agricultural intensification, food security, diversification, peri urban farming and circular economies.

Legend



Gross Value of Production (ABS, 2015/16). This does not take into account the processing or on-sale of the product ie does not consider industries like wine sales or agri-tourism.

NSW's regional agriculture value



Further Information

The snapshots will be available in August 2020 on the Agricultural Land Use Planning website: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/lup.

Further information on agricultural land mapping, sustainable agriculture development, and land use planning are currently available at the above website or by contacting the NSW Department of Primary Industry, Agricultural Landuse Planning team at: landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Where are the Snapshots?

The below table outlines the cluster of local government areas (LGA) for each snapshot within the planning regions.



Planning region	Snapshot sub region	LGA
Central Coast	Central Coast	Central Coast
	Central Tablelands	Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Oberon, Orange
Central West & Orana	Central Slopes & Plains	Bogan, Coonamble, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Narromine, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle Shire, Weddin, Dubbo Regional
	Lower Murray	Balranald, Wentworth
Far West	Western Plains	Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Walgett
	Far West	Broken Hill, Central Darling, Unincorporated NSW
Greater Sydney	Greater Sydney Region	
	Upper Hunter	Cessnock, Muswellbrook, Singleton, Upper Hunter Shire
Hunter	Mid Coast	Dungog, Mid-Coast
	Lower Hunter	Maitland, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens
Illawarra/Shoalhaven	Illawarra/Shoalhaven	Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wollongong

Planning region	Snapshot sub region	LGA
	Northern Plains	Moree Plains, Narrabri, Liverpool Plains, Gunnedah
New England/North West	Slopes and Tablelands	Tamworth Regional, Gwydir, Inverell, Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha
	Northern Rivers	Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tweed
North Coast	Mid North Coast	Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings
	Murray	Albury, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume Shire, Murray River
	Western Riverina	Bland, Carrathool, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera
Riverina Murray	Eastern Riverina	Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Junee, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys, Temora, Wagga Wagga
	South East & Tablelands	Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan Shire, Wingecarribee, Yass Valley, Bega Valley, Eurobodalla
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