



## Agriculture

**Size:** In 2000/01 (latest available) the value of agricultural activity in Kiama was estimated to be \$11.6M. Agricultural activities covered approximately 10,799 hectares of land and consisted of 98 holdings.

This compared to 10,572 hectares and 90 holdings identified in 1993/94.

**Characteristics:** In terms of value, the main rural activities of Kiama are; milk (\$8.3M), cattle meat (\$2.2M), nurseries and flowers and turf (\$0.6M) and crops (\$1M).

**Dairy:** In 2001, 8,991 milk cattle were located in Kiama, stable with 8,888 reported in 1993/94. The area produced 27 million litres of milk for sale, which represented 2% of the State's output.

**Cattle:** The number of beef cattle raised in Kiama in 2001 was reported at 3,227 down slightly from 3464 reported in 1993/94. While in value representing the second most important activity, in terms of the statewide picture meat cattle numbers in Kiama are quite small, representing 0.06% of the States population, with the highest concentrations found in Northern and Western NSW.

**Crops:** Kiama in 2001 contained 154 hectares of field crops, 13 hectares of crops for hay and fodder, 96 hectares of horticulture crops and 16 hectares of grain based crops.

**Fruit:** In 2001 Kiama contained 7 hectares of fruit and nut producing (excluding grapes) land. The main commodities grown were olives and pecan nuts.

**Grapes:** Kiama holds around 73 hectares for grape growers.

*Table 1: Agriculture Activity-Kiama.*

Selected Indicators	1993/94	2000/01
No of establishments	90	98
Area of establishments (area ha)	10572	10799
Pastures (Area-Ha)	6858	6761
Horticulture crops (Area-Ha)	-	96
Fruits & nuts (including grapes)(Ha)	2	79
Cereal for grains (hectares)	-	16
Crops for hay/green fodder (Area-Ha)	-	13
Nurseries/Cut flowers/Turf (Area-Ha)	-	17
Cereals (Area-Ha)	-	45
Meat cattle (no)	3464	3227
Milk cattle (no)	8888	8991
Barley for grain (t)	-	43.8
Olive trees	-	401

Source: ABS Agriculture Census

*Table 2: Value of Agriculture Activity-Kiama.*

Products	\$'000
Milk	8327
Cattle meat	2242
Nurseries & Cut flowers	647
Grapes	131
Orchard fruit	20
Barley for grain	8
Crops cut for hay	3

Source: ABS Agriculture Census 2001

