

Food and Wine

Key Messages

- South Australia's primary industries are a vital part of the state's economy. Spread across the state, South Australia's grains, livestock, horticulture, wine, seafood, forests and dairy sectors are a significant contributor to our exports.
- We are one of the few places in the world that is free of the grape vine destroying pest phylloxera, and produce more than 80% of Australia's premium wine from some of the oldest vines in the world.
- We are the only mainland state in Australia that is fruit fly free.
- These factors, along with our strong reputation for food safety and product integrity, provide South Australia with a significant competitive advantage in global markets.
- The growing world demand for products that are cleanly, safely and sustainably produced creates significant opportunities for South Australia's food and wine industries to continue to grow and our markets expand.
- South Australia's food and wine is transported directly from the farmgate or wharf to more than 100 countries through an extensive statewide logistical infrastructure and network of both container-loading and deep sea ports.
- Free trade agreements with China, Japan and Korea offer significant future export opportunities for the agriculture, food and wine industries.
- South Australia has a global reputation for producing world-leading food for local consumption and international export.
- Development of South Australia's food sector is supported by the industry peak bodies Food South Australia and Primary Producers South Australia.

- The development of innovative food products is crucial to attracting more consumers and creating effective business processes to open new markets and increase exports and profitability.
- South Australia's food industry is bursting with new ideas around packaging, value-adding through functionality, and harnessing technology to optimise food production.
- Our food businesses adhere to the highest standards, thanks to legislation, monitoring, compliance and education across the three levels of government in Australia.
- Customers and importers can buy our food with confidence knowing they can trust it is produced safely and sustainably.

Fast Facts

- In 2017–18, primary industries and agribusiness supported 152,000 jobs and contributed \$19.7 billion to the state's economy (Gross State Product).
- Primary industries and agribusiness revenue totalled \$14.8 billion in 2017–18.
- In 2017–18 these industries accounted for 55% of the state's merchandise exports.¹
- South Australia's food industry is an important sector of the state's economy generating \$9 billion in revenue in 2017–18.²
- Gross food revenue increased by 1% to reach \$17.7 billion in 2017–18.³
- Overseas food exports accounted for \$3.97 billion or 33% of the state's total merchandise exports in 2017–18. Of the \$3.97 billion, field crops accounted for \$2.14 billion, followed by livestock and dairy with \$1.22 billion, horticulture with \$306 million and seafood with \$238 million.⁴
- Finished food was worth \$6.5 billion to the state's economy in 2017–18.⁵

¹ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

² PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

³ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

⁴ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

⁵ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

- Food production – measured in farmgate values – decreased by more than \$500 million from \$5.3 billion in 2016–17 to \$4.77 billion in 2017–18.⁶

⁶ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.