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Statistical Note:

Cairns Region Now Among Australia’s Leading Fruit Growing Region

The Cairns region is now the third largest fruit growing region in Australia with a value of production in 2012-13 recorded at over \$500 million.

Largest fruit growing regions are Victoria’s North-West and South Australia’s South-East where grape growing pushes values above those of the Cairns region.

The Cairns region’s value of fruit production leads Queensland regions by a large margin and alone accounts for about half of the State’s production (46 per cent).

The Cairns region’s fruit growing industry exceeds that of the whole of the State of Western Australia and Tasmania and the Northern Territory. It exceeds that of the whole Murray and Riverina regions combined in New South Wales and the Shepparton region in Victoria.

Table: Fruit Production Australia – Major Fruit Producing Regions ⁽¹⁾, 2012-13

<u>Major Fruit Producing Regions</u>	<u>Fruit excl grapes</u>	<u>Grapes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Victoria’s North-West	\$463.85 m	\$288.31 m	\$751.16 m
South Australia’s South-East	\$296.45 m	\$367.56 m	\$664.01 m
Queensland’s Cairns Region	\$524.71 m	-	\$524.71 m
New South Wales’ Murray plus Riverina	\$340.54 m	\$129.90 m	\$470.44 m
Victoria’s Shepparton	\$350.25 m	\$4.97 m	\$355.22 m
Queensland’s Wide Bay	\$225.78 m	\$2.65 m	\$228.43 m
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WA – whole of State	\$237.98 m	\$79.63 m	\$317.61 m
NT – whole of NT	\$58.48 m	\$0.97 m	\$59.45 m
Tas – whole of State	\$112.61 m	\$28.05 m	\$140.66 m
SA – Other	\$132.15 m	\$83.95 m	\$216.10 m
Vic – Other	\$267.98 m	\$30.61 m	\$298.59 m
NSW – Other	\$314.94 m	\$98.82 m	\$413.76 m
Qld - Other	\$334.74 m	\$47.92 m	\$382.66 m

⁽¹⁾ **Note: Regions defined by Australian Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4).**

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