



Northern Territory Pastoral Industry

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The difference is opportunity

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1.8 million

There are 1.8 million cattle in the Northern Territory which equals about 6.4% of the total Australian herd.

The Alice Springs pastoral district accounts for 20% of these; the Barkly Tablelands and Tennant Creek region 30%, Victoria River District and Katherine 32%, and Darwin, Eley and Gulf Region 18%.

As much of the Territory is covered by a monsoonal weather pattern, the Northern NT is not effected by the devastating drought conditions experienced by other states.

620 000 km²

The Beef producers manage 620 000 km² of first class beef country.

In 2005-06 beef producers turned off (sales and transfers to other properties) 429 055 head of cattle were from 216 Territory pastoral properties.



top quality

NT producers supply cattle to all States and Territories within Australia and produce quality animals suited for the growing live export trade to South East Asia.

NT cattle exports (interstate and overseas) in 2006 saw a total of 222 776 cattle through the Port of Darwin. In 2007 a total of 247 281 cattle were exported.

The total value of beef production represents 45% of the total rural production (including agriculture, horticulture and fisheries) of the Territory.



\$130 million

In 2006 the NT cattle industry's value adding contribution to the total Gross State Production (GSP) was \$128 million, or 1.1% of the total GSP.

The industry contributes millions indirectly through its purchases of goods and services and expenditure of wages and salaries in the local economy.

The pastoral industry is a major, confident and continuing growth area of the Northern Territory's economy.



1600 jobs

Based on ABARE data, the industry directly provides in excess of 1600 jobs, mainly in rural areas of the Northern Territory.

