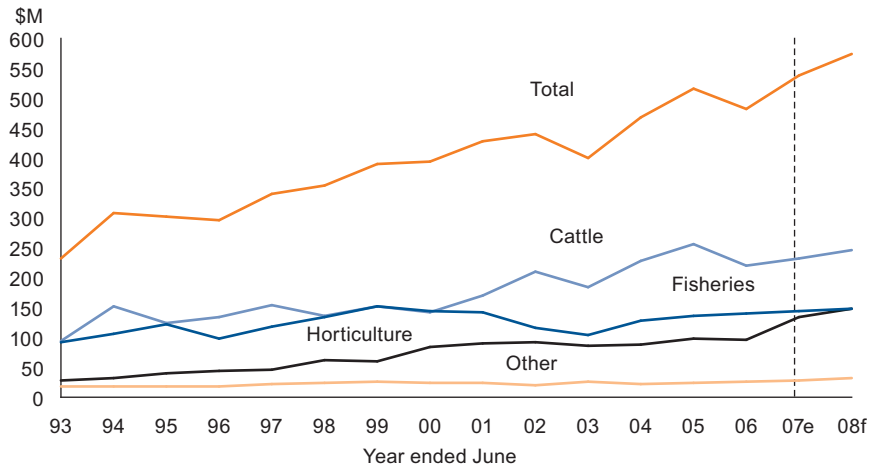


Rural Industries and Fisheries

- » Rural industries and fisheries accounted for 2.3 per cent of Territory GSP in 2005-06 and 3.1 per cent of resident employment.
- » The Territory enjoys certain comparative advantages due to its capacity to supply markets with a range of early season and out of season produce, and benefits because of its environmentally clean image.
- » Output growth in the industry tends to be volatile due to variable weather conditions, while the exchange rate can have a significant effect on international demand. In the Territory, average annual output growth has been lower than broader economic growth over the past 10 years.
- » The value of rural industries and fisheries production is estimated to be \$539 million in 2006-07, an increase of 12 per cent from 2005-06.
- » The value of production is forecast to increase by 6.5 per cent to \$574 million in 2007-08.

Rural Industries and Fisheries
Value of Production
(nominal dollars)



e: estimate; f: forecast

Note: Horticulture data is only available for calendar years

Source: Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development