

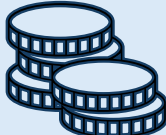





AGRICULTURE FORESTRY & FISHING

The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Industry leads the MidCoast's export market, contributing \$351.2m, to the economy, indicating a high demand for the MidCoast's agriculture and agriculture-related products both domestically and internationally. As the industry's exports exceed its value add (\$288.4m) it is not solely reliable on the local economy for growth, making it a pillar of economic resistance for the area.

It is a diverse industry offering bespoke products highlighted by the area being No.1 in NSW egg production and generating approximately 40% of all NSW Sydney Rock Oysters.

 <p>EMPLOYMENT 1,850 (2023)</p>	 <p>NO. OF BUSINESSES 1433 (2024)</p>	 <p>OUTPUT \$605.5M (2023)</p>	 <p>VALUE ADD \$288M (2023)</p>
5% OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	19% OF TOTAL BUSINESSES	8% OF TOTAL OUTPUT	8% OF TOTAL VALUE ADD
▲ 1% growth since 2018	▲ 10% growth since 2018	▲ 11% growth since 2018	▲ 15% growth since 2018

Opportunities

- A substantial agriculture industry, an ample supply of industrial land and strong infrastructure connections presents a major opportunity for the **protected cropping industry**, including glasshouse and greenhouse operations.
- **Processing of raw produce** including milk and protected cropping products is an economic prospect for the region.
- The **National Reconstruction Fund** considers the industry as a priority area and looks to invest in activities that add value by manufacturing or processing products in connection with primary industries.