

Rural Economy

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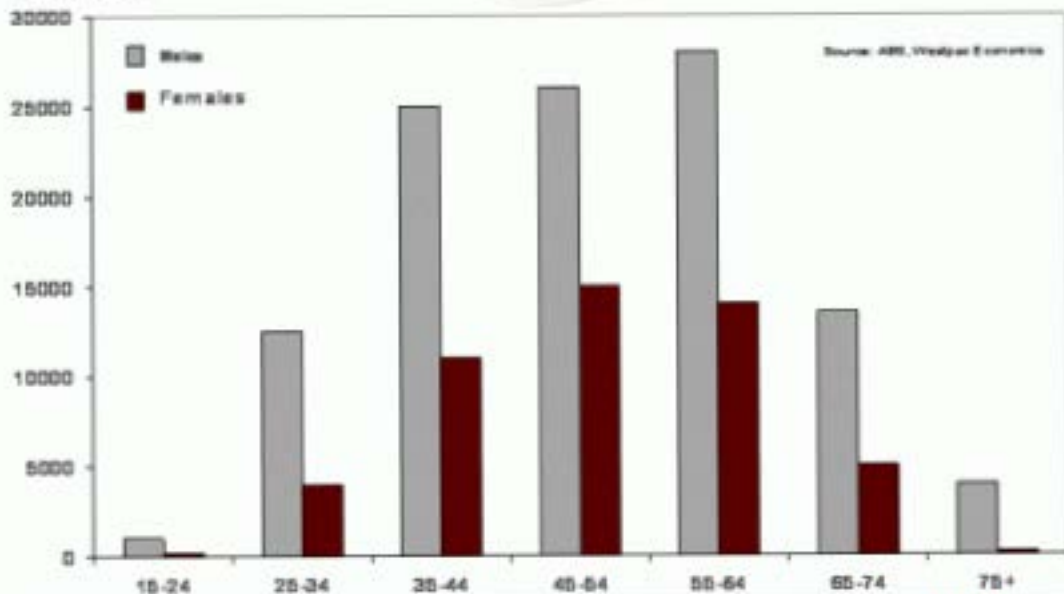
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Overview – The Rural Economic Engine Room

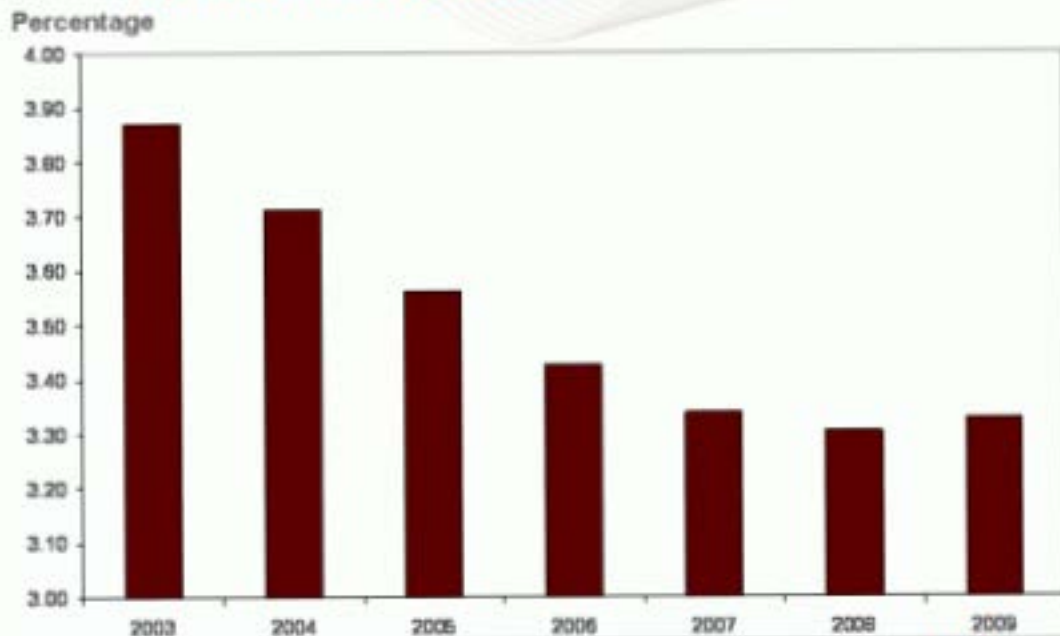
- *People*
- *Debt*
- *Property*

Farmers Age Profiles

Individuals

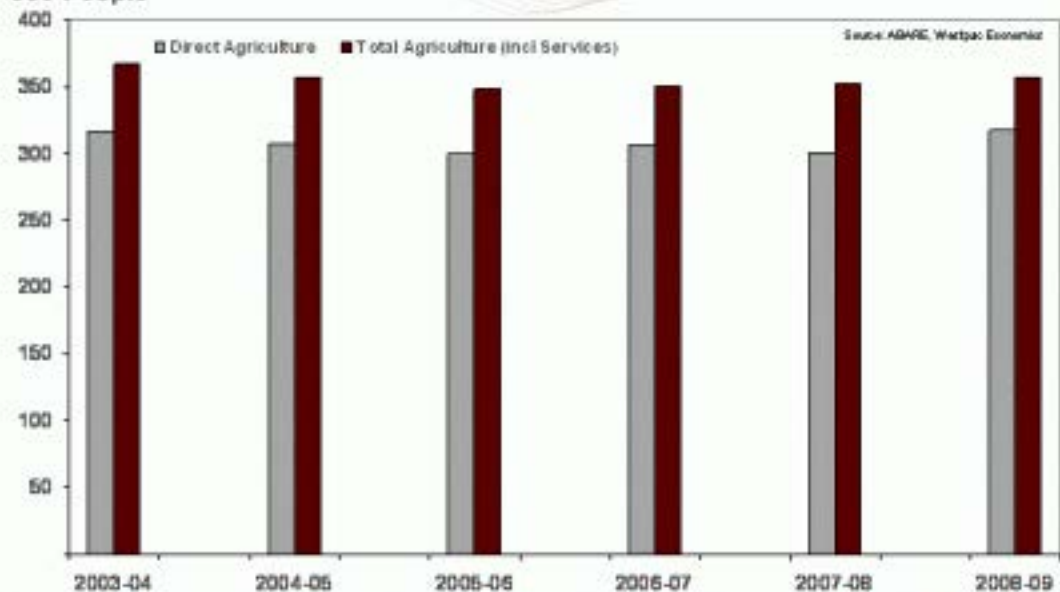


Employment in Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing Total Working Population

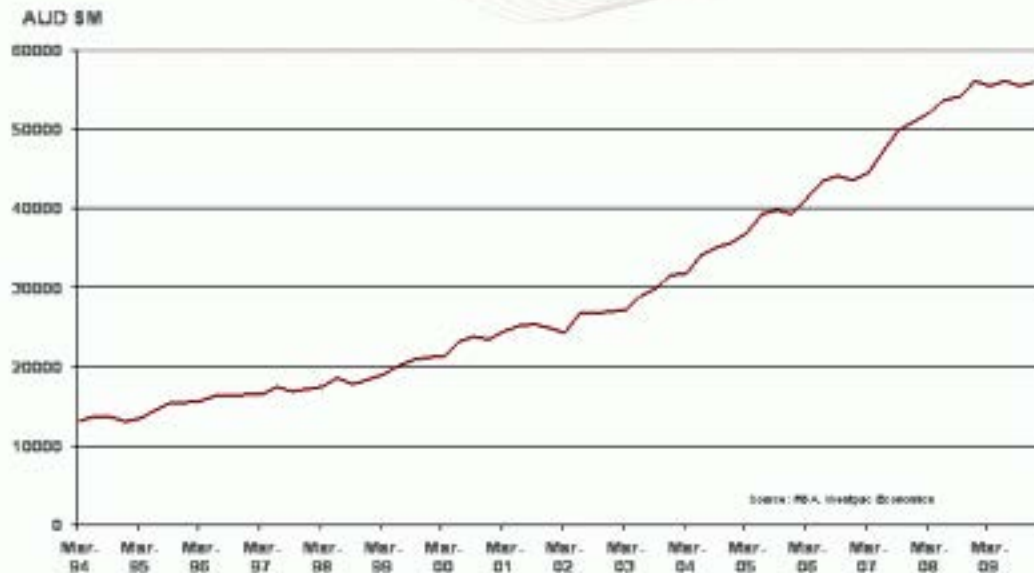


Employment in Agriculture

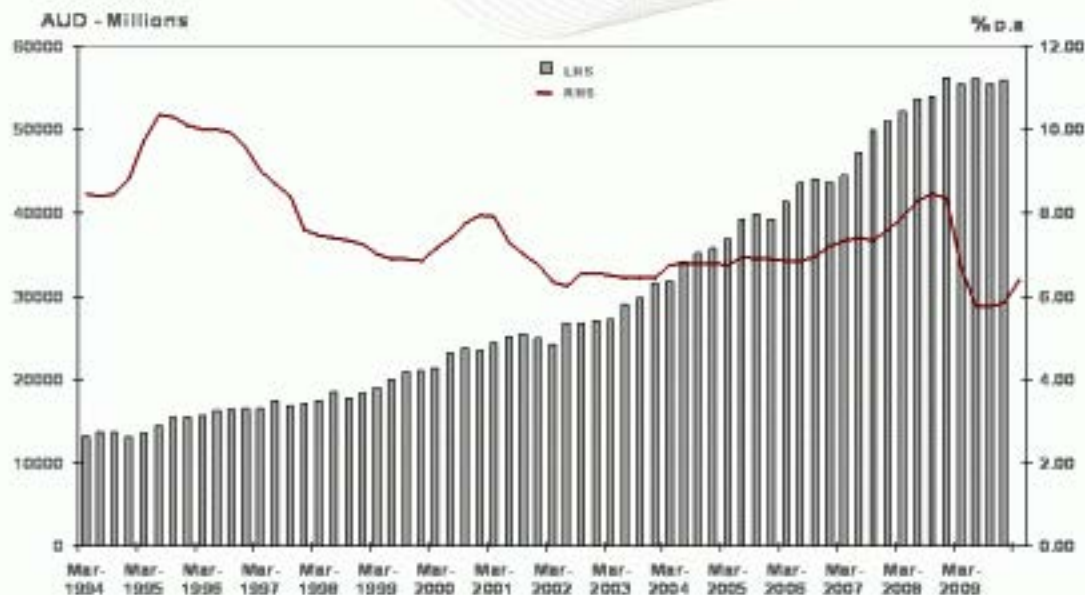
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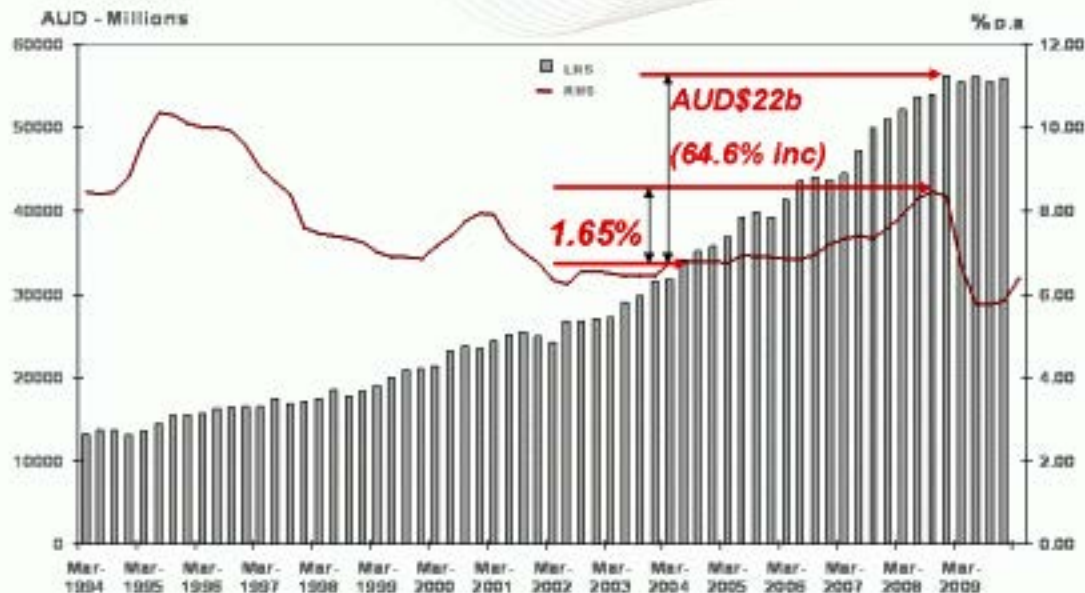
Agricultural Debt Levels



Agricultural Debt and Weighted Average Interest Rates

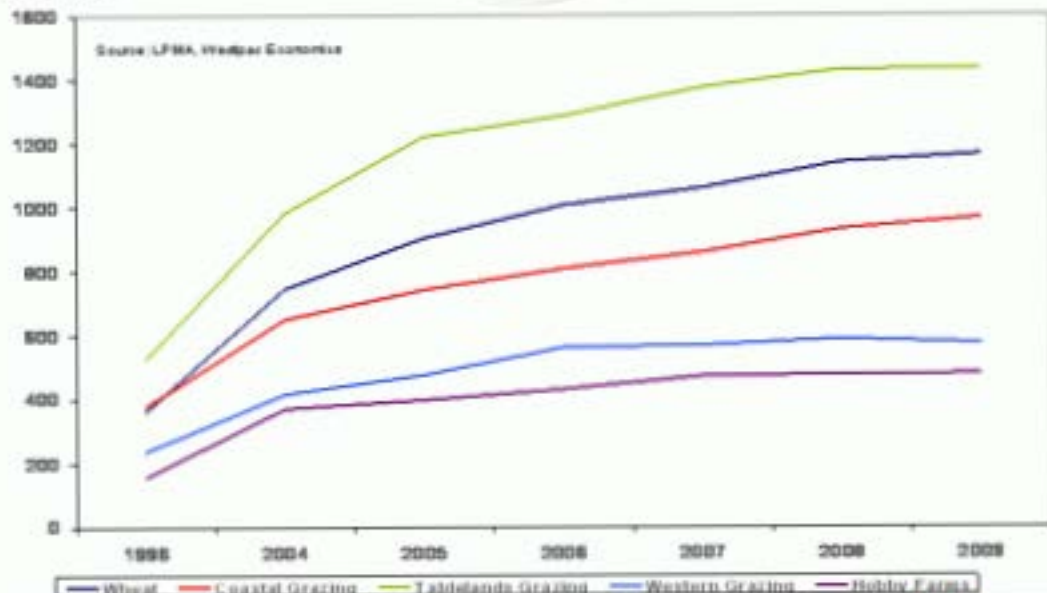


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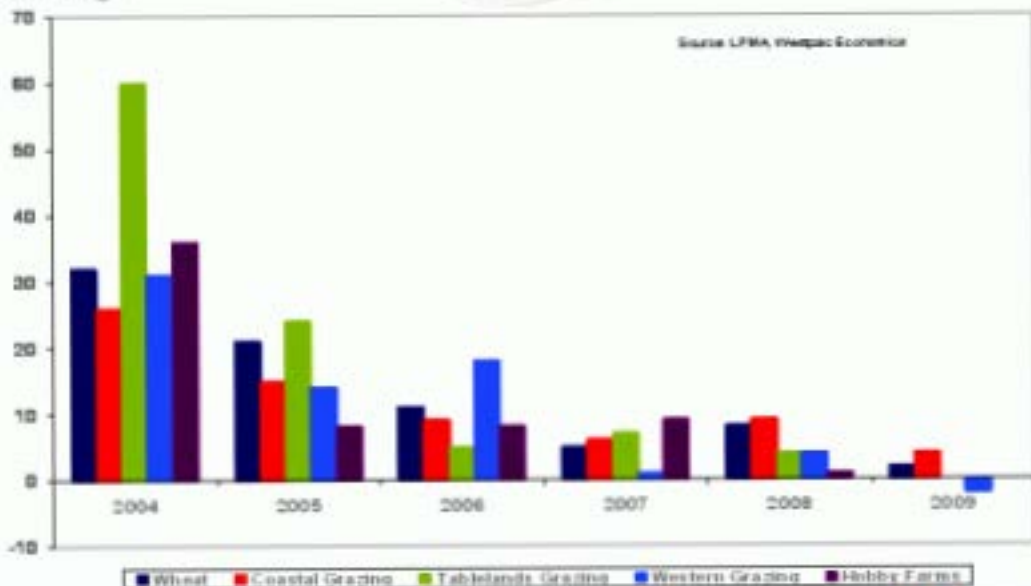
Average Agricultural Property Values

AUD '000'



Average Agricultural Property Values Percentage Variations (p.a.)

Percentage



The Challenges Looking Forward

- *People – Retain, Attract*
- *Debt – Sustainability, Equity*
- *Property – Affordability, Availability*

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