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AUSTRALIAN DEER INDUSTRY STATISTICS IN NEW RIRDC PUBLICATION

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Industry statistics for the Australian and New Zealand deer industries are provided for the period 2002-03 to 2006-07 in a new publication from RIRDC ('Emerging Animal and Plant Industries – their value to Australia'), which was launched by the President of the National Farmers Federation, Mr David Crombie, at the new Industries Forum event at the recent Outlook conference in Canberra.

Trends in relative quantities, returns and unit values of deer industry products make interesting material for analysis, as do those for the many other emerging industries (which include alpacas, goats and game pigs) featured in the publication.

The publication is essentially an update of a previous report by the same name published by RIRDC in November 2005 now with updated data and a number of additional sections.

The report notes that in 2006-07, the gross value of production of the selected animal industries was an estimated \$270 million, and that they earned export revenue of \$207 million. The biggest of these industries were the kangaroo, game bird and meat goat industries, together accounting ofr 80 percent of the total value of production and 82 percent of total exports.

Hard copies of the report can be purchased from the RIRDC on-line bookshop. (see: www.rirdc.gov.au/ the report is also available for free downloading at: <http://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/collections/dee>)