

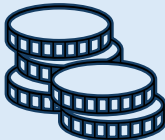





The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry is an important contributor to the MidCoast's export economy, generating \$178.7m in exports. This highlights strong domestic and international demand for the region's agricultural products and underscores the industry's resilience, as it is not solely dependent on the local economy for growth.

The sector is diverse and specialized, with the MidCoast ranking first in NSW for egg production and accounting for around 40% of all Sydney Rock Oysters produced in the state.

 <p>EMPLOYMENT 2,313 (2024)</p>	 <p>NO. OF BUSINESSES 1,457 (2024)</p>	 <p>OUTPUT \$488.9M (2024)</p>	 <p>VALUE ADD \$225.2M (2024)</p>
6.3% OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	19% OF TOTAL BUSINESSES	6% OF TOTAL OUTPUT	5.9% OF TOTAL VALUE ADD
▲ 17% growth since 2020	▲ 2.9% growth since 2020	▲ 26% growth since 2020	▲ 41% growth since 2020

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.