

The Expanding Australian Oilseed Crushing Industry

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The last two years has seen a large increase in the capacity of the Australian oilseed crushing industry with the upgrading of existing mills and opening of new facilities.

In addition to this there are more new facilities about to come on stream and one large crushing, refining and storage complex on the drawing board.

By far the largest crusher is Cargill with the following plants. All capacities expressed in metric tonnes per. annum.

Moree. NSW	120,000	
Carroll Park. QLD	130,000	
Footscray. VIC	130,000	
Narrabri. NSW	335,000	
Newcastle. NSW	235,000	Opening April 1997

This Newcastle plant has been designed so capacity can be easily increased by an additional 1000,000 tonnes. p.a.

Riverland Oilseed Processor have recently completed an expansion program at their Numurkah. VIC plant to have a capacity now of 80,000 tonnes.

Seedex Pty. Ltd, has recently opened a 25,000 tonne plant in Sydney which is designed to cater for a large range of speciality oilseeds. Other smaller plants in N.S.W. are Cootamundra Oilseeds, 5000 tonnes and Australian Country Canola at Canowindra with a 3000 tonne operation.

In the final stages of construction at Maitland in N.S.W. is a 50,000 tonne facility built by W.C. Caines adjacent to their refinery.

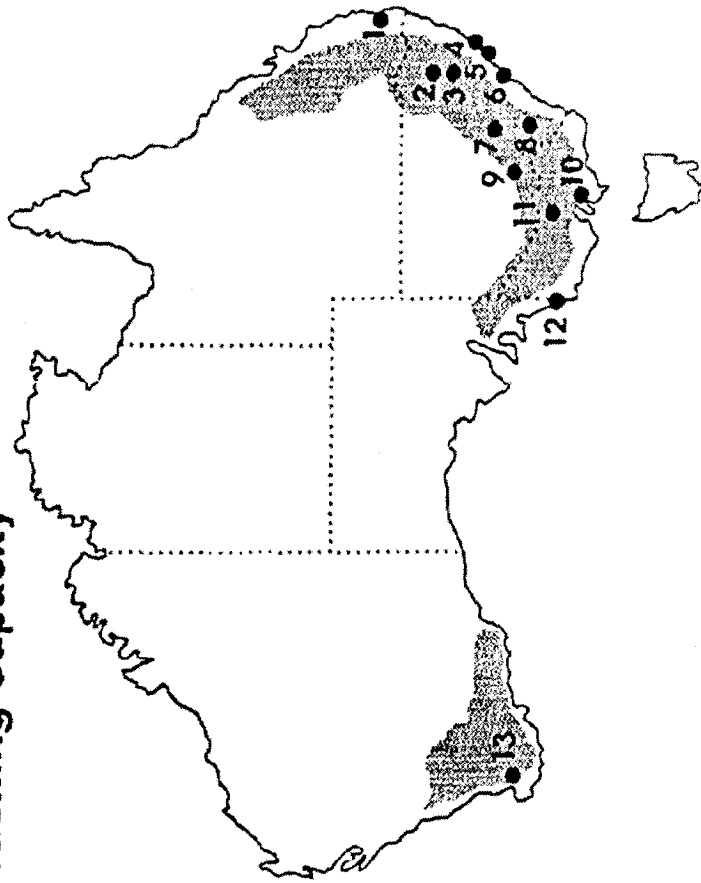
South Australian is catered for with a 25,000 tonne plant at Millicent operated by Meggitt Ltd.

Western Australia has a similar sized 25,000 tonne operation at Pinjarra operated by Davison Industries.

On the drawing Board and scheduled for a construction start this year is a 100,000 tonnes storage, crushing, refining and bottling facility at Grong Grong in Southern N.S.W. This will be built and operated by a joint Australian and Chinese company, Ausguang Pty. Ltd.

When all these projects are completed it will take the Australian oilseed crushing capacity to 1,238,000 metric tonnes p.a.

Australian Oilseed Crushing Capacity



Area Planted to Oilseeds

Location	Company	Capacity (t)	Location	Company	Capacity (t)
1 Brisbane	Cargill	125,000	8 Cootamundra	Cootamundra Oilseeds	5,000
2 Moree	Cargill	120,000	9 Grong Grong	Ausguang	100,000
3 Narrabri	Cargill	350,000	10 Footscray	Cargill	130,000
4 Maitland	WC Caines	25,000	11 Numurkah	Riverland	80,000
5 Newcastle	Cargill	230,000	12 Millicent	Seedex	25,000
6 Sydney	Seedex	15,000	13 Pinnalla	Davison Industries	25,000
7 Canowindra	Australian Country Canola	3,000			