

OLIVES & OLIVE OIL

The Mildura Region's Mediterranean-like climate and soils are ideal for consistent production of high quality olives. While many horticulturists may have had a small number of olive trees on their properties in the past, it has only been in recent years that large scale commercial planting has occurred. This development has been fuelled by increasing demand—in Australia and in many other parts of the world—with the growing popularity of Mediterranean cuisine and greater awareness of the dietary attributes of olive oil. Australia has an annual trade deficit for this commodity of around 25,000 tonnes.*

*Modern Olives, "Australian Olive Industry – Brief Summary of its History and Current Situation"

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Boundary Bend Estate is currently the largest producer and supplier of high quality extra virgin olive oil in Australia, located on the Murray Valley Highway. With Robinvale Estate Olive Oil in close proximity, that area has become the olive growing and oil production centre of the Mildura Region.

VARIETALS

Imported varieties grown in the Mildura region include Arbequina, Barnea, Coratina, Frantoio, Hojiblanca, Koroneiki, Leccino, Picholine, Picual, Oliva and Rapanelli.

Product	Hectares* (Ha)	Mildura Region production (t) 04	Mildura Region value 04 (\$A million)	Mildura Region % of Aus production	Mildura Region % of Aus value
Olives	770Ha	840t	\$5.0m	33.6%	33.6%

Source: Australian Olive Association

* Hectares provided by 2003 SunRISE 21 Crop Report should not be used in correlation with the production volume listed above as the hectares provided refer to different regions - please refer to the 2003 SunRISE 21 Crop Report for further details regarding the geographical areas.



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