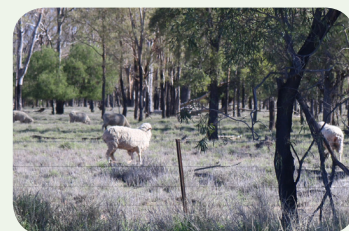




OPPORTUNITIES

| Agriculture | Horticulture |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AgTech & Biotech | AgTech & Biotech |
| Education & Training | Education & Training |
| Research & Development | Research & Development |
| Water & Irrigation Technology | Water & Irrigation Technology |
| Livestock - Feedlots & Processing | Value-Added Processing |
| Animal & Crop Science & Technologies | Nutraceuticals & Functional Foods |
| Drought-tolerant Crops & Technologies | Native Bush Foods & Medicines |
| Freight & Logistics | Freight & Logistics |



CORPORATES IN BALONNE SHIRE



Commonwealth Bank



EXCELLENCE IN COTTON



An Olam Company



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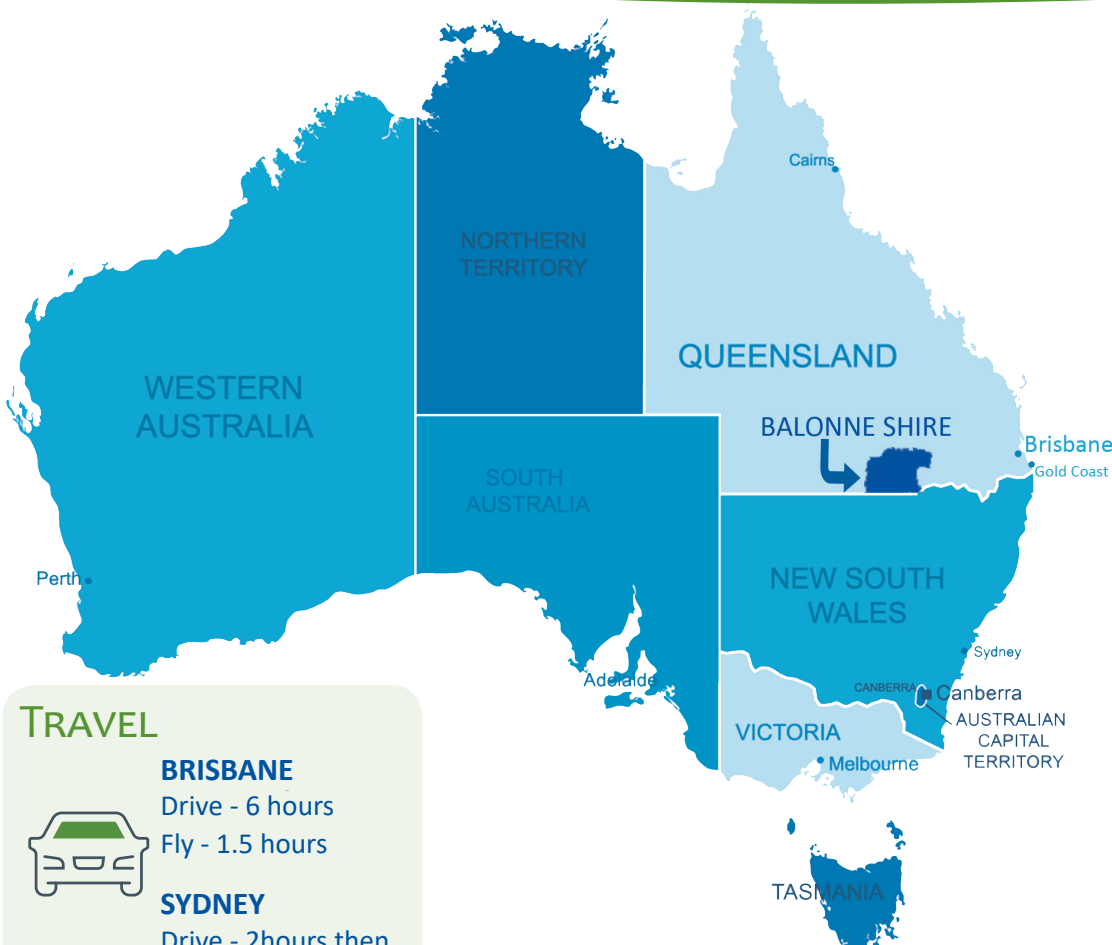
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Balonne Shire
Cotton & Cereal Industry
Snapshot 2019





Balonne Shire is located six hours west of Brisbane in South West Queensland.

The region covers 31,152km² with St George its main business centre.

Agriculture is the main industry sector in the region notably:

- cotton and grain production
- cattle and sheep grazing
- horticulture.

The Balonne Shire is within the agricultural catchment of emerging agtech and agscience centres of Toowoomba and Goondiwindi.

TRAVEL

BRISBANE
Drive - 6 hours
Fly - 1.5 hours

SYDNEY
Drive - 2hours then
Fly - 1hour

TOOWOOMBA
Drive - 4hrs

Brisbane Airport - Domestic & International Passenger, Freight

Gold Coast Airport - Domestic & International Passenger

St George Aerodrome - Regional Express (REx) flies Brisbane to St George return twice a week

Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport - Domestic & International Passenger, Freight

Roma Airport - Domestic

Moree Airport - Domestic

INFRASTRUCTURE

| | |
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| Highways | Carnarvon Hwy (A55), Moonie Hwy (A49), Castlereagh Hwy (B55) |
| Ports | Port of Brisbane |
| Internet & Mobile Services | Telstra, Optus |
| Grain Terminals/Storage | GrainCorp, Thallon Grains |
| Water | SunWater |
| Electricity | Ergon Energy |

COTTON PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

1.24 million bales of Cotton produced 2016-17

263 Cotton Farms

194,775Ha of Cotton Grown 2016-17

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|---------|---|
| 2009-10 | Gross Value \$292.4m from production bales and seed |
| 2016-17 | Gross Value \$740.6m |

GRAIN PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

2.5 million tonne of cereals in 2015-16

3449 Broadacre cropping businesses

1.34 million Ha Grain Crops

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|---------|----------------------|
| 2009-10 | Gross Value \$805.2m |
| 2016-17 | Gross Value \$1.089b |

BALONNE SHIRE’S ECONOMIC PILLARS

1. Sheep & Cattle Grazing

2. Grain & Cotton

3. Horticulture

4. Tourism & Events (Queensland’s Southern Outback)

WHO IS HERE

| |
|--------------------------------|
| GrainCorp |
| Cubbie Station |
| Queensland Cotton (Olam Group) |
| Australian Super Cotton |
| Thallon Grains |

OPPORTUNITIES

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|---------------------------------------|
| Feed & Livestock inputs (pelletising) |
| Drought resistant/tolerant crops |
| Algae Production (feed & medicinal) |
| AgBiotech |
| Value-Add Processing |

AGRICULTURE
53% of all business
31% of all employment

AGRICULTURE TOTAL VALUE
\$278m

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT
\$310m

COTTON & GRAIN VALUES IN BALONNE SHIRE

Value of cropping in 2016 - \$238.4m (65% of Total Ag Production)

Cotton Value in 2016
\$100.6m
(42.2% of crop production)

Wheat Value in 2016
\$72.5m
(30.4% of crop Production)

Chickpeas Value in 2016
\$33.5m
(14.1% of crop production)

CEREAL & NON-CEREAL CROPS IN BALONNE SHIRE

| | | |
|------------|---------------|---------|
| Cotton | Wheat | Sorghum |
| Chickpeas | Hay (Lucerne) | |
| Maize | Barley | |
| Mungbeans | Millet | |
| Faba Beans | | |
| Oilseeds | | |
| Oats | | |