Australia does not have a food security problem

Australia is one of the most food secure nations in the world

1st
(equal lowest)
undernourishment
according to the FAO

7th
in world for
food affordability
in the Global Food Security Index

10th
in world for
food availability
in the Global Food Security Index

Australia produces substantially more food than it consumes

71% of agricultural production is exported

Sugar 86%
Beef & veal 75%
Rice 74%
Mutton & lamb 73%
Canola 72%
Wheat 71%
Dairy products 40%
Fruit & nuts 31%
Pig & poultry 5%

Domestic food consumption is stable, while agricultural exports vary

Wheat
Exports
Domestic consumption

Note: Share of agricultural production exported by sector, 3 year average, 2015–16 to 2017–18.

We only import around 11% of our food – motivated by taste and variety

9.6% Imported processed food and beverages
1.6% Imported fresh food and beverages
88.9% Domestic food and beverages

Global food supplies are in good shape, and prices for staple foods are low

Source: ABARES This infographic is based on ABARES Insights: Analysis of Australian food security and the COVID-19 pandemic, which provides sources and technical notes for each figure in its References.