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Wool Production Environments in Australia

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Production Environments

- rainfall patterns:

- average annual rainfall
 - high rainfall zone: (500-1000 mm)
 - cereal-sheep zone (400-700 mm)
 - pastoral zone (150-400 mm)
- seasonality (summer, winter, uniform, non-seasonal)
- between-year variability

- pasture base:

- start and length of growing season
- annuals and perennials
- grasses, legumes, broad-leafed weeds, shrubs
- quality and palatability
- scope for improvement and sustainability

- sheep health and disease

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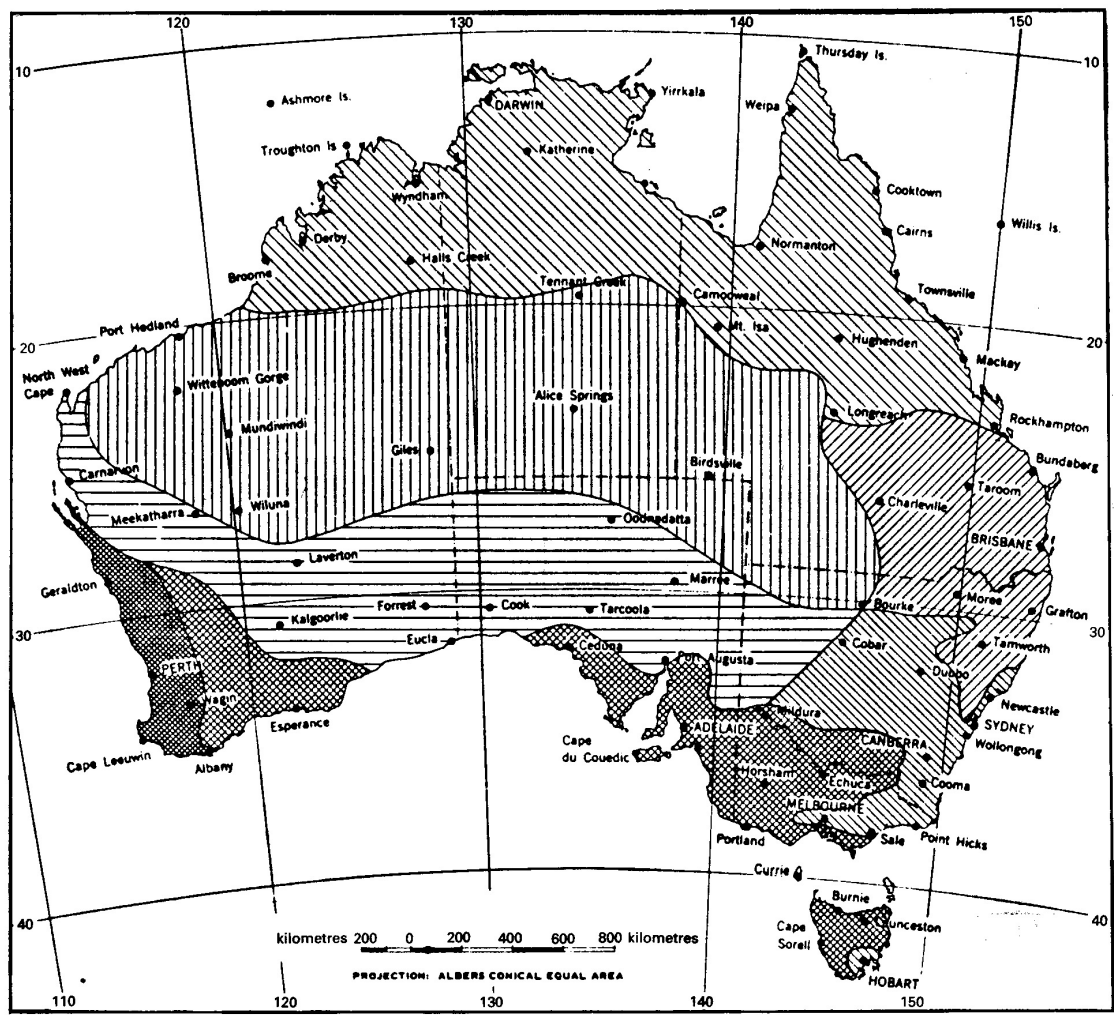
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Classification

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|---|--|---|--|
|  | summer rainfall
-tropical |  | winter rainfall
(mainly moderate)
-temperate |
|  | summer rainfall
-subtropical |  | arid (mainly summer
rain)-subtropical |
|  | uniform rainfall
-temperate |  | arid (winter/non season
rain)-sub-tropical to
warm temperate |
|  | winter rainfall
(moderate to heavy)
-temperate | | |

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