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2014 International Year of Family Farming “Feeding the world; Caring for the Earth”




World Environment Day Survey - Results Wimmera food plants in homes

Q What food plants do these part-time family farmers in the Wimmera grow at home?

A There was a lot! There was 28 types of vegetables, 24 fruits, 18 herbs and 3 nut-trees. The most common food plants grown were:

-  Lemons
-  Tomatoes (*technically a fruit, but reported as a vegetable by most on this survey*)
-  Chives

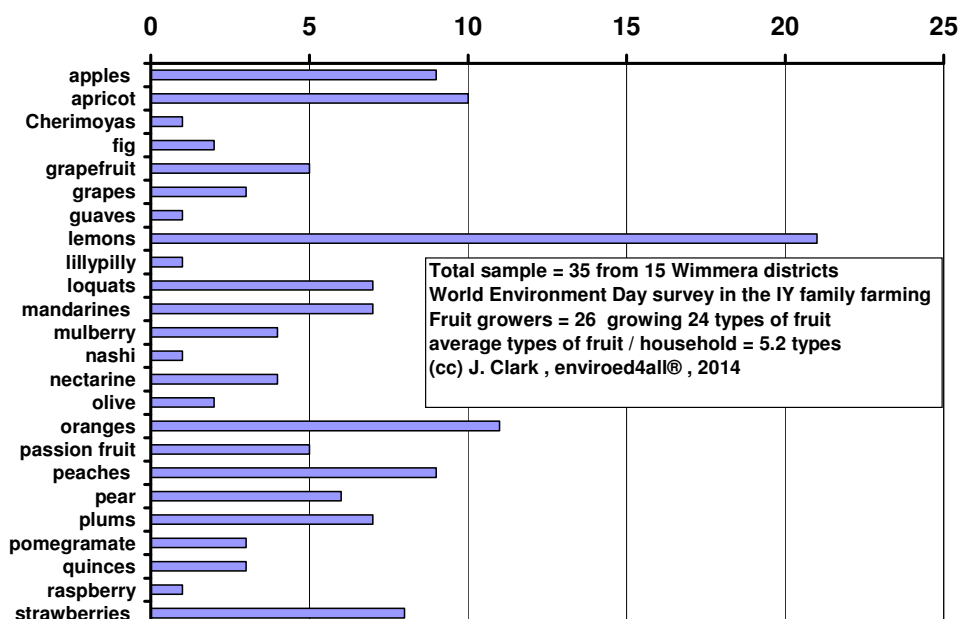
Additional foods that had about 1/3rd of growers were:

-  Apples, apricots, oranges, peaches, strawberries
-  Beans, Pumpkin, silver beet
-  Parsley, mint, basil

Q How many food plants do part-time family farmers in the Wimmera grow?

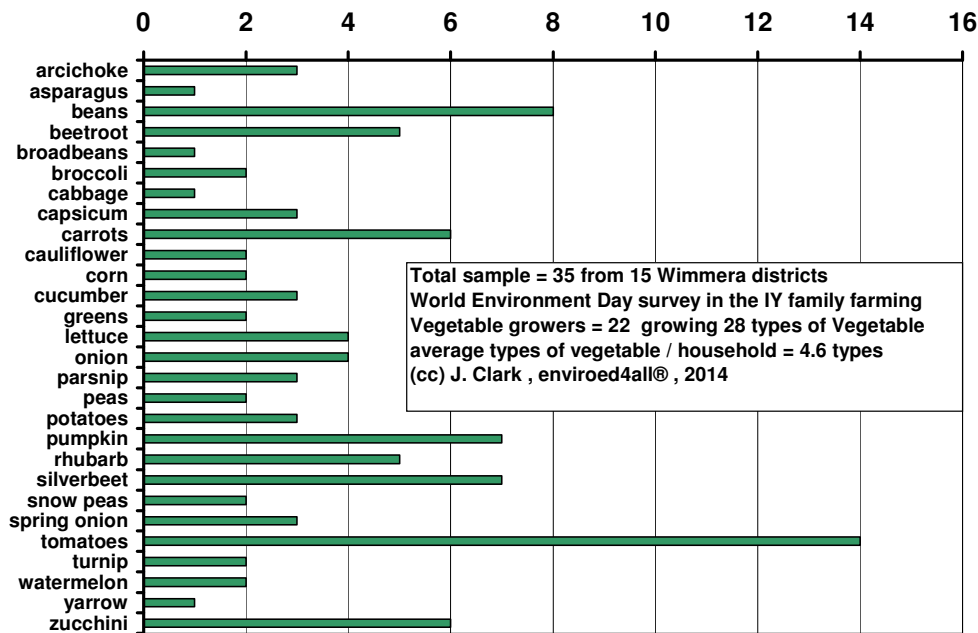
The most grown in this survey per household was 19 fruit trees (Stawell), 13 vegetables (Warracknabeal) and 6 herbs (Nhill). On average, there were 5 types of fruits, 4 ½ types of vegetables and 3 types of herbs per household.

Fruits grown in Wimmera home gardens - WED survey 2014



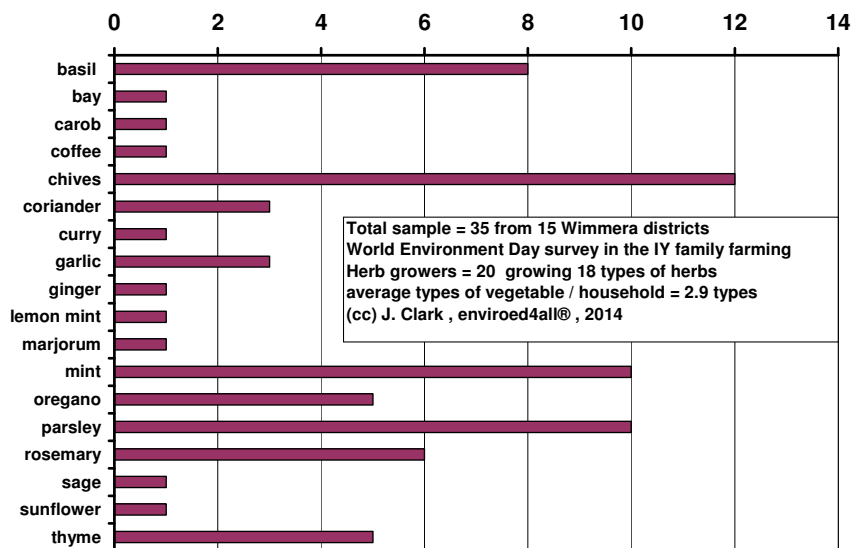
Lemons -
the food plant most
commonly grown in
this survey

Vegetables grown in Wimmera home gardens - WED survey 2014



*Re tomatoes -
Technically a fruit,
but reported as a
vegetable by most
to this survey. How
would the fruit and
vegetable results
change if tomatoes
were put in to the
fruit group?*

Herbs grown in Wimmera home gardens - WED survey 2014



Follow-up

Discuss the value of (part-time) family farming: low food miles, fresh food, health, sustainability, 'acting local- thinking global',

Action – plant some food for the future!

Do you know what all these plants are? If not, find out!

Read some family farmers snapshots from the familyfarms.enviroed4all.com.au website – to learn more about people growing their own food, "*Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth*"

Thankyou to everyone (part-time family farmers) who contributed to this survey.