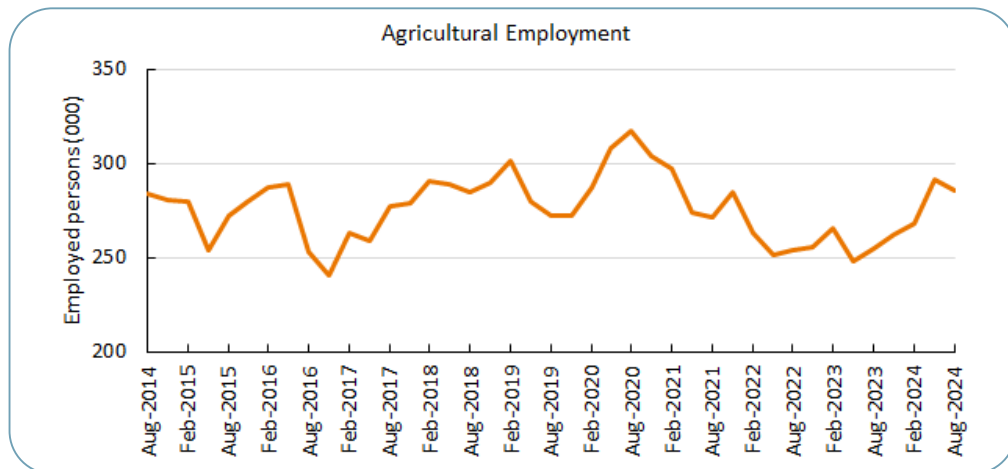




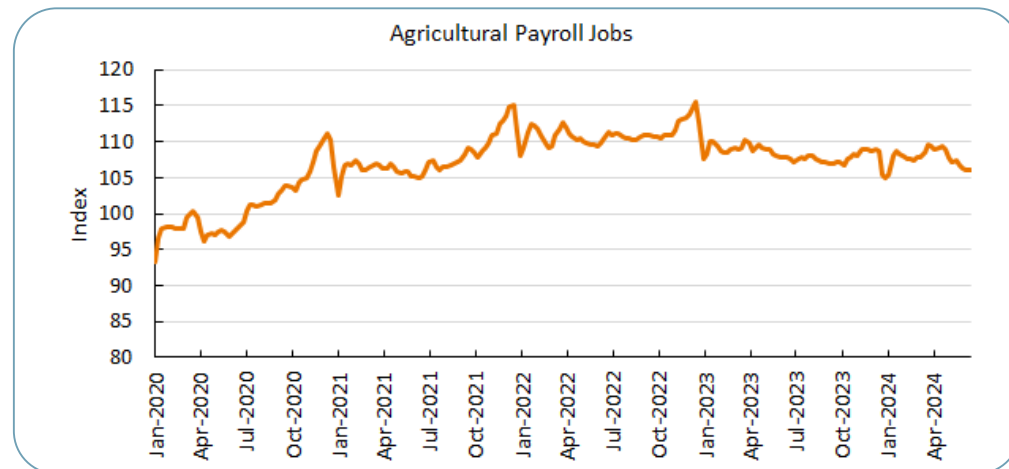
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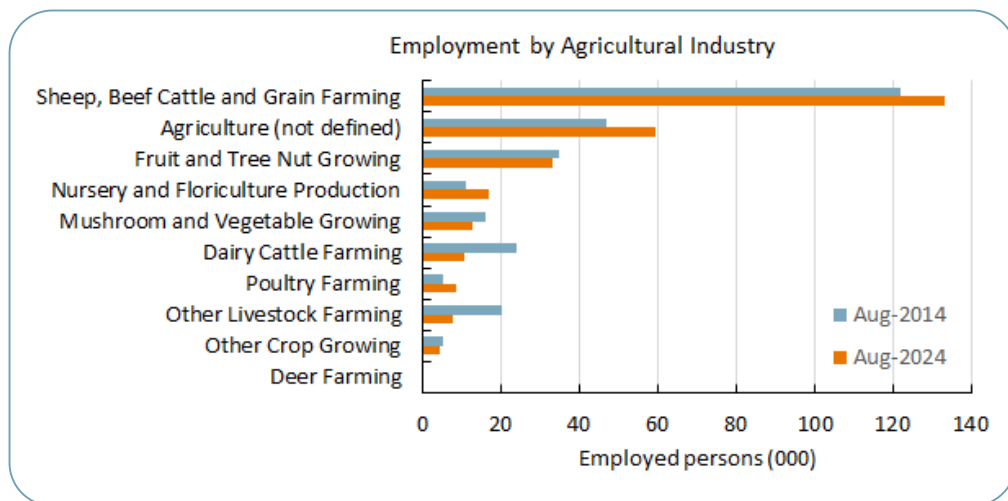
Source: [ABS 2024, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed](#)

In the year to August 2024, employment in agriculture increased by 30,900 people (12.1%) to 285,600 people.



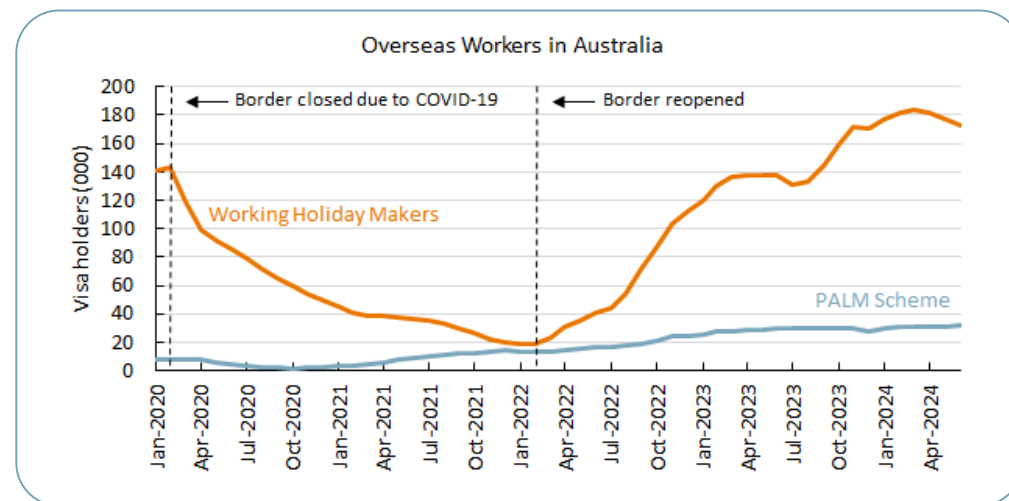
Source: [ABS week-ending-15-june-2024, Weekly Payroll Jobs](#)

In the week ending 15 June 2024, agricultural payroll jobs decreased by 1.2% in the month since 18 May 2024, and decreased by 1.6% in the year since 17 June 2023. Agriculture has high numbers of owner managers who are not included in payroll reporting.



Source: [ABS 2024, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed](#)

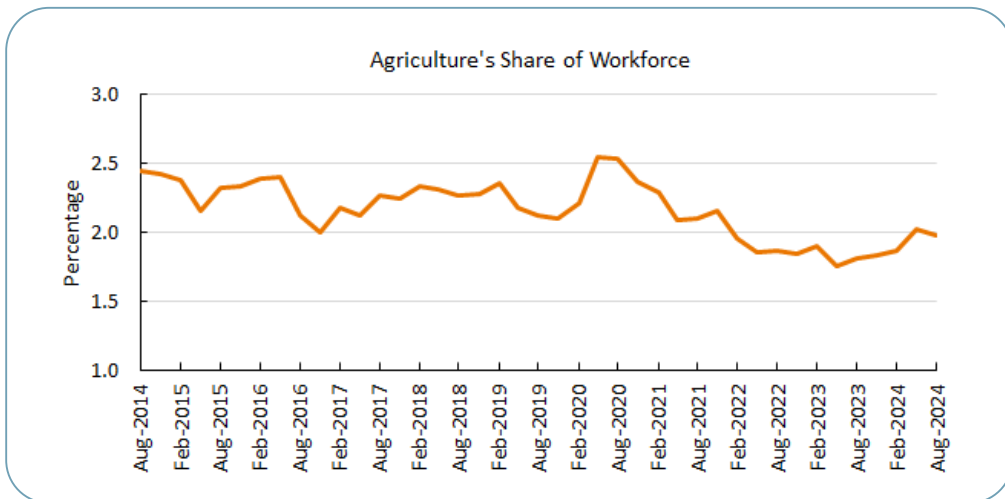
In August 2024, Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming, Nursery and Floriculture Production, Poultry Farming and Agriculture (not defined) registered an increase in employment from a decade earlier.



Source: Department of Home Affairs 2024

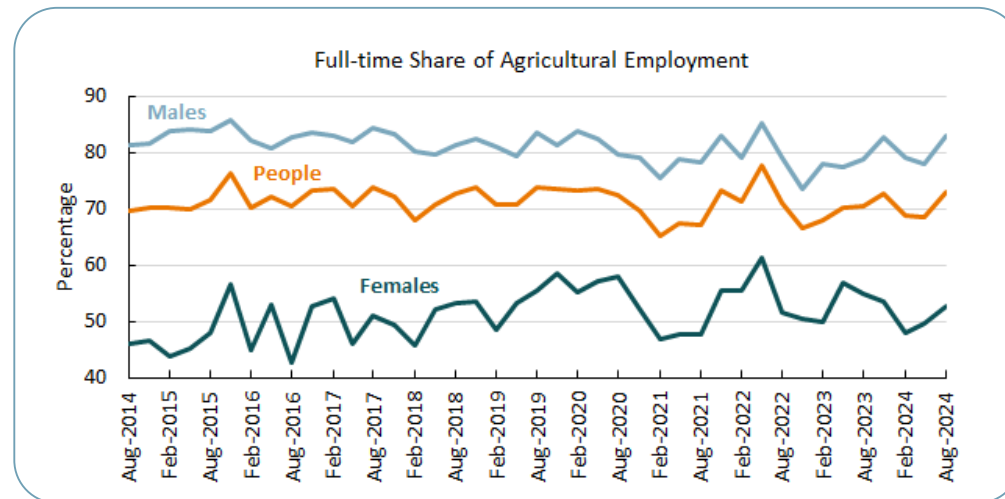
The number of working holiday makers declined sharply from over 140,000 visa holders to less than 20,000 visa holders between the closure of Australia's borders due to COVID-19 and their reopening. Their number has since increased to over 170,000 visa holders since November 2023.

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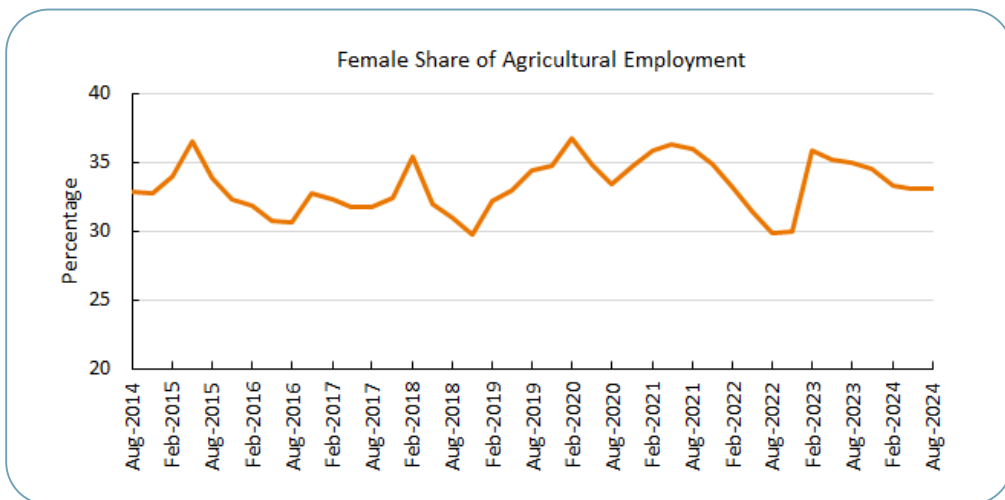
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In August 2024, agriculture's share of the total workforce dipped back below 2.0%, though remains above the 1.8% of August 2023.



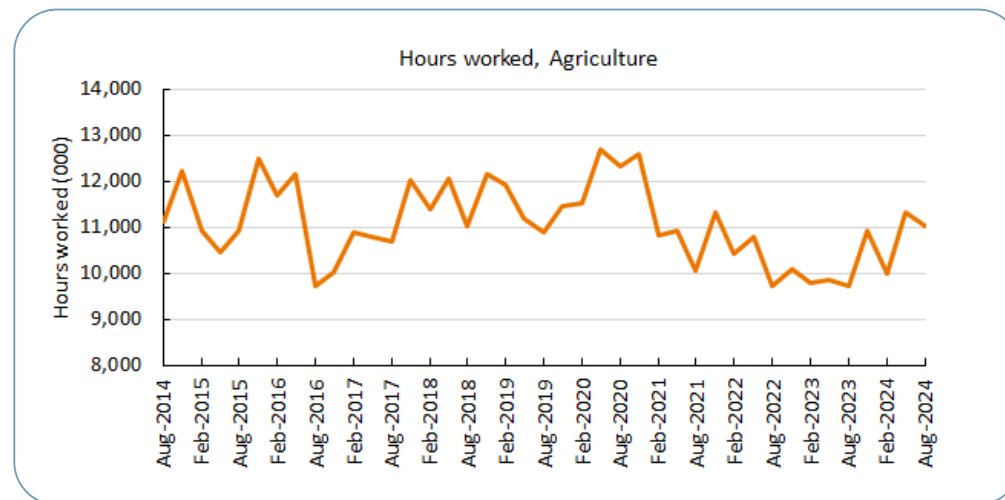
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In August 2024, the full-time share of employment in agriculture rose to 73.0%, its highest level since May 2022.



Source: [ABS 2024, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed](#)

The share of female workers in agriculture was 33.1% in August 2024, little changed from the previous quarter and around the ten-year average.



Source: [ABS 2024, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed](#)

In the year to August 2024, monthly hours worked in Agriculture increased by 1.3 million hours (13.4%) to 11.0 million hours.