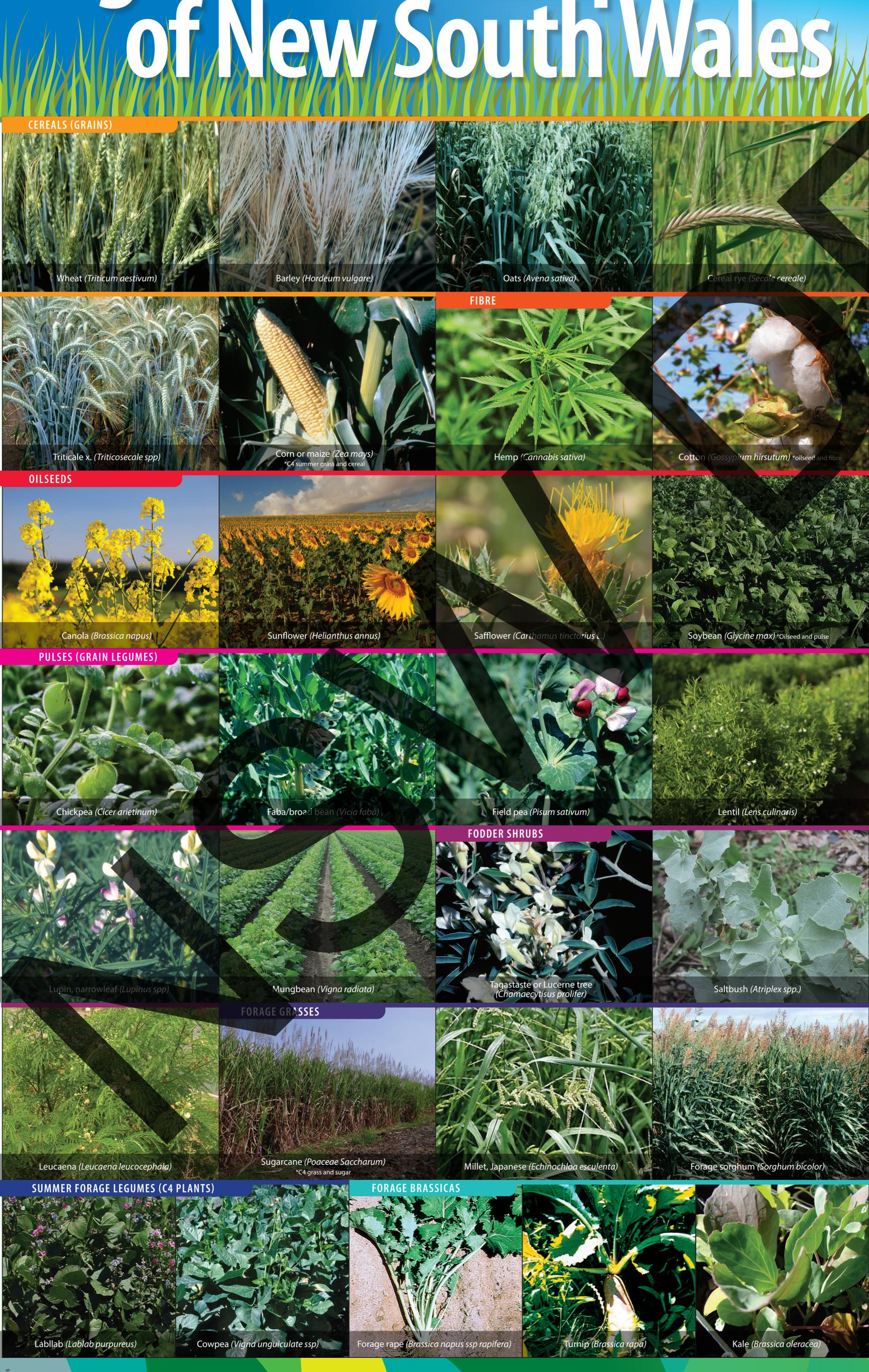


Agricultural crops of New South Wales



Distribution of agricultural crops and pastures around NSW is governed by factors:

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topography



insect pests



plant diseases



weeds



economic conditions

Crops and pastures are used to:

- Produce grain, oil, fibre or fodder
- Grazed by livestock
- Fill a feed gap for grazing livestock, for example, winter crops can provide valuable feed when pasture growth is limited.
- Provide groundcover to prevent soil erosion.
- Improve soil structure.
- Increase biodiversity and soil microbial activity.
- Increase soil nutrient levels
- Provide a pest/disease/weed break in a cropping rotation.
- Increase productivity of saline and waterlogged land.



Plant based systems are the foundation of all agricultural production

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