Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

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Growing WA: Agriculture 2035

A 10-year strategic framework outlining DPIRD's priority areas for investment, action and collaboration to support Western Australia's (WA) agriculture and food sector.

Our vision

A productive, sustainable and competitive agriculture and food sector that drives enduring prosperity for WA.

Objective

Enable growth, productivity and resilience across WA's agriculture and food sector.

Our focus areas

Resilience

Strengthen industry resilience to climate, water, biosecurity, market and geopolitical risks.

Trust and reputation

Maintain trust in WA production systems and strengthen provenance.

Capability and knowledge

Lift capability and productivity through adoption of research, innovation and technology.

Market access and supply chain

Strengthen competitiveness, market access and supply chain performance.

Our strategies

- **Lead** and **influence** sustainable management of land, healthy soils, water, input resources and enabling infrastructure.
- **Lead** and **support** targeted research, development and innovation into climate adaptation, biosecurity preparedness, and market expectations.
- **Support** industry to build capability to sustainably manage natural resources, adopt innovation, and realise emerging opportunities.

- **Lead** and **influence** policy, regulatory and accreditation systems that underpin sustainable production, market access, and sector performance.
- **Lead** and **support** trusted data integration and digital systems.
- **Promote** responsible practices that strengthen trust, transparency, traceability and community support.
- **Promote** WA's provenance and our premium reputation.

- **Lead** medium to long-term research, development and innovation to accelerate productivity, competitiveness and sustainable growth.
- **Support** workforce capability through skills development, career pathways and technology adoption.
- **Support** digital capability and infrastructure investment to enable sector transformation.

- **Coordinate** and facilitate investment in resilient and efficient supply chains, infrastructure and supporting systems.
- **Support** high-value, processing and advanced manufacturing, including scale, competitiveness, food innovation and new product development.
- **Support** market growth and diversification to capture emerging domestic and international opportunities.

Outcomes



Productivity

Increased productivity across the agriculture and food sector.



Production

Growth of production and value-adding for domestic and international markets.



Reputation

Enhanced reputation as a trusted, responsible producer.



Stewardship

Improved condition of natural resources to support sustainable production.

Our priorities

Resilience

Sustainable management

- Lead land manager stewardship to improve soil, water and native vegetation condition.
- Influence access to water for food and livestock production and processing.
- Assess land and water capability and risks to identify future production areas.

Targeted research

- Advance climate-ready grain, horticulture, livestock and aquaculture production systems.
- Strengthen integrated pest and disease management and pollination security in production systems.

Industry capability

- Deliver the WA Primary Production Adaptation Plan and lead drought resilience policy and programs.
- Deliver government grant and assistance programs which focus on industry capability uplift.
- Grow Aboriginal participation, enterprise and leadership in agriculture and food sector.

Trust and reputation

Policy, regulation and accreditation

- Lead development of policy initiatives that reflect the importance of food production and security for the community.
- Influence planning, environmental and nature policy reform for agriculture and food sector.
- Influence accreditation and industry standards for agribusiness growth and market access.

Evidence and intelligence

- Integrate research, farm and environmental data for risk-smart management and informed policy.
- Build data and knowledge systems that grow the food and beverage industry.

Responsible practices

- Strengthen industry readiness for environmental markets, biofuels and low carbon agriculture.
- Promote practices that enhance community confidence and compliance.

Provenance

- Promote the WA agrifood story, buy local and support the Made in WA Plan.

Capability and knowledge

Research, development and innovation

- Drive diverse and efficient production systems.
- Improve water and input use efficiency in agricultural production systems.
- Maintain capability through investment in research partnerships and enabling infrastructure.
- Accelerate industry adoption of innovation and best practice.

Workforce capability

- Support primary industries workforce development, attraction and retention.
- Build food and beverage business capability across the value chain.
- Foster future scientific capability and capacity.

Digital capability

- Accelerate industry adoption of digital agriculture, precision livestock management and automation.

Market access and supply chain

Supply chain

- Support and influence investment in grain export supply chains, market access and premium segregations.
- Strengthen input supply resilience for growers, and food and beverage processors.

High-value processing

- Support investment in food processing and value-adding.
- Support industry adoption of proven technologies and processes in production and processing.

Market growth

- Enable growth, diversification and private-sector investment in WA agriculture and aquaculture production.
- Support export and market development through the Invest and Trade WA Plan.

GrowingWA directs effort to resilience, capability, preparedness and long-term public value, with government investment concentrated on areas of clear public benefit, while industry, the private sector and market mechanisms continue to lead commercial activity and investment.

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