



Growing *for* Queensland

Queensland agriculture, fisheries
and forestry sector

innovative • responsive • sustainable

The agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector is a significant contributor to the Queensland economy.

The Queensland Government is committed to enabling the sector to be innovative, responsive and sustainable in the face of extraordinary opportunities and challenges that will define our collective future.

The opportunities for growth in agribusiness and food industries are significant and expanding, while we continue to be challenged by our changing climate, resource constraints, and the need to continue to enhance productivity to remain competitive on the global stage.

Why Queensland?



Queensland has a global reputation for producing high-quality and trusted products



Queensland leads the world in sustainable fisheries and unique fishing experiences



Queensland attracts businesses that want to convert ideas into profitable ventures



**Queensland collaborates
with the world's best scientists
to drive agricultural innovation**



**Queensland defends and
safeguards its valuable resources
from biosecurity threats**

The Queensland Government has a strong focus on industry development with a clear ambition for a productive and profitable agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector that will help realise the government's **Our Future State: Advancing Queensland's Priorities**.

Create jobs in a strong economy

Keep Queenslanders healthy

Protect the Great Barrier Reef

Be a responsive government

In 2015–16, primary industries and the food supply chain contributed over

\$29.4b

to Queensland's gross value of production

More than

300 000

people are employed in these sectors

In 2016–17, Queensland's agriculture and food exports were valued at approximately

\$12b

Innovative

Inspire talent, investment and ideas to drive industry development

- Build Queensland's human capital to drive innovation across the supply chain, increase private sector investment and boost international exports
- Collaborate with industry and other stakeholders to identify and capitalise on key opportunities, such as new and emerging industries, markets and technologies
- Promote innovative research, development and extension across the sector that drives business growth and job creation

Key initiatives

- Demonstrating collaborative leadership on key opportunities and challenges facing the sector through the Agricultural Ministerial Advisory Council
- Providing pathways for innovation and commercialisation, developing new businesses, and supporting sector growth through the 10-year Research, Development and Extension Roadmap and Action Plan
- Promoting Queensland products to international delegates, and reaffirming Queensland as an attractive trade and investment destination through trade events
- Funding projects with up to \$250,000 in co-contributions to build industry and grow employment opportunities through the Rural Economic Development Grants

Stakeholders are saying...

The Queensland Government is working with leading agriculture and food innovators to develop new and improved fresh and processed foods for local and overseas retail markets.



Responsive

Anticipate and respond to emerging needs of our environment, economy and people

- Improve the resilience of Queensland's agricultural industries to reduce reliance on government assistance and adapt to increasing economic and climatic variability
- Support industry to produce safe and nutritious foods that contribute to a lifestyle that keeps Queenslanders healthy, satisfy emerging market demands and protect the environment
- Collaborate with stakeholders to protect Queensland's reputation for safe, quality food and fibre products, market access, ecosystems, industries and way of life

Key initiatives

- Showcasing Queensland as well-positioned to take advantage of growing demand in neighbouring markets for value-added products through the *Queensland Agriculture Snapshot 2018*
- Positioning Queensland as a leader in global biosecurity preparedness through the *Queensland Biosecurity Strategy 2018–2023*
- Committing more than \$30 million for wild dog fencing since 2015 in a mixture of grant and loan funding for farmers and producers
- Restoring the Queensland strawberry industry's worldwide reputation after a major food safety incident with a one million-dollar strawberry sabotage response fund

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Stakeholders are saying...

Biosecurity needs to be considered holistically and not just as separate activities or the domain of one party.

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Sustainable

Support sustainable and socially responsible industries

- Work with industry to minimise the impact of agriculture and fishing on the Great Barrier Reef, and improve water quality as part of the Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan
- Continue to build the capability of rural and regional economies by reducing financial pressures and improving business sustainability for future generations
- Support industry growth that promotes transparency and traceability across the supply chain, creating a sector where consumers are informed on where their products come from

Key initiatives

- Implementing the *Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017–2027* to underpin a world-class fisheries management and compliance system
- Committing \$21 million over six years to the Drought and Climate Adaptation Program
- Providing assistance to farmers investing in their native forests, improving land and environmental management, delivering valuable timber resources and providing additional income opportunities
- Delivering state-owned native timber, quarry material and other forest products on a commercial and environmentally responsible basis

Stakeholders are saying...
I support sound management of fisheries based on good science and economics.

Trust needs to be built with stakeholders through greater transparency.



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