

January - March 2019

# AgriFutures™ Industry update



3  
Current  
projects



Invested  
in RD&E  
January -  
March 2019



Forecast  
investment  
from 1 January  
2019

## Upcoming events

17 May

AgriFutures™ Export Fodder  
Program Advisory Panel meeting

29-31  
July

AFIA Annual Conference, Crowne  
Plaza Hunter Valley, NSW

14 Jun

2020 Nuffield Scholarship  
applications close

## Staff update

John Smith has commenced as General Manager, Research and will continue to backfill Manager, Research (Rice, Ginger, Export Fodder) until the role is filled.

Visit the AgriFutures Australia website [agrifutures.com.au/our-people](http://agrifutures.com.au/our-people) to view the organisation chart.



John Smith - General Manager, Research

## AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Advisory Panel

- Peter Baker (Chair)
- Sean Blechynden
- Pat Guerin
- Andrew Hayward
- Steve Woods
- Munro Patchett
- John Smith (AgriFutures Australia General Manager, Research)

AgriFutures Australia is committed to working with industry to deliver research and development outcomes. We work in partnership with advisory panels to decide on research priorities and to make investment decisions each year.

## Open call

AgriFutures Australia recently ran a research open call to enable new investment across the industry. AgriFutures Australia welcomed Preliminary Research Proposals that address one or more of the strategies within the seven R&D objectives for the industry, and outlined in the Export Fodder Program RD&E Plan 2016-2021.

The open call closed on Monday, 15 April and proposals are currently being assessed by the AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Advisory Panel.

The research needs to address one or more of the seven RD&E objectives outlined in the Export Fodder Program RD&E Plan 2016-2021:

1. Oaten Hay Breeding Program
2. Hay agronomy
3. Chemical Usage Integrity
4. Fodder analysis
5. Animal nutrition research
6. Biosecurity research
7. Occupational Health and Safety.

There is particular interest in proposals that address:

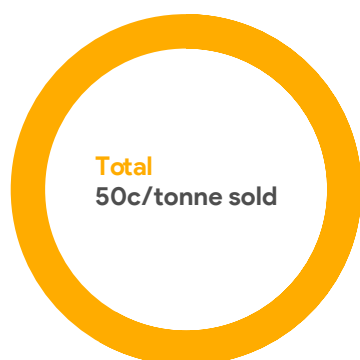
- **Objective 3:** Chemical Usage Integrity. The priority is to ensure chemical registrations are as up-to-date as possible given advances in fodder management and changes in export markets and their Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) requirements
- **Objective 6:** New technology for moisture measurement and the detection of weeds in fields that pose market risks
- **Objective 7:** Occupational Health and Safety and the utilisation of new technology that minimises risk within the processing of hay prior to export.

## Current projects

Project ID	Project Name	Start	Finish	Principal Investigator	Research Organisation
PRJ-010828	Export fodder workplace safety standards	12/6/2018	28/2/2019	McKew, John	AFIA
PRJ-011408	Improved oat varieties for hay production 18-19 (extn PRJ-007615)	6/8/2018	31/5/2019	Zwer, Pamela	SARDI
PRJ-010570	Fodder Safe 2016 - 2019	1/7/2016	30/06/2019	Riddell, Mark	Agsmart Pty Ltd
PRJ-011029	National hay agronomy project	1/7/2018	10/6/2022	Troup, Georgie	DPIRD

## Export fodder levy

### Levy explanation

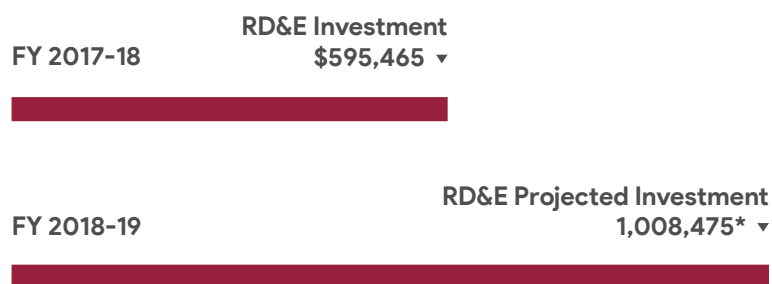


Australian primary industries that choose to invest in the levies system prescribe the amount of levy or charge applied to a commodity under the Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act 1999, Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999, National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Act 1998 and the National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act 1998.

Levy and charge revenue can be directed to biosecurity preparedness and emergency plant pest and animal disease responses, residue testing, marketing and research and development.

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## Investment by program objectives



\* figures accurate as at 1 February 2019 and subject to change.

It is the decision of a primary industry to determine the proportion of how a levy or charge is directed to each of these activities.

AgriFutures Australia receives the Research & Development levy allocation to invest in line with the industry objectives of the Five Year Research & Development Plan. Up to half of program expenditure, including R&D expenditure, is matched by the Australian Government at up to 0.5% of industry GVP. The graphs below represent the levy breakdown and the annual Program investment inclusive of levy, government and any third party contributions.

The Levy is collected and distributed via the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. For more information, visit the DAWR website.

## AgriFutures™ Ignite Network

Are you part of the AgriFutures™ Ignite Network? The Network is a program to connect passionate rural leaders. Participants in the Network have a strong interest in shaping the future of Australian rural industries and are responsible for igniting the passion, revitalising the industry and introducing and encouraging changes to make it happen.

To be part of the Ignite Network, join the facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AgriFutures.Ignite>