

Industry update

January 2019



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Current & contracting projects



\$169,209
Invested in RD&E October - December 2018



\$2,869,595
Committed to RD&E from 1 July 2018

Upcoming events

18 February	AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Program Advisory Panel meeting, Melbourne
19-20 February	evoke ^{AG} , Melbourne
February	Research open call expected late February
1 March	AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship applications close
29-31 July	AFIA National Fodder Conference, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Program Advisory Panel

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

Balco Australia and J.T. Johnson and Sons site visit, SA

AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Advisory Panel Chair, Peter Baker and Senior Manager, Research, John Smith recently visited Balco Australia and J.T. Johnson and Sons in South Australia to gain a better understanding of issues facing the exporting companies as the AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Program prepares for a research open call in early 2019. A visit to Western Australia in early 2019 is also planned to meet with exporters in the west.



Photo L-R: Pat Guerin, Balco Australia and AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Advisory Panel member, with AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Advisory Panel Chair, Peter Baker at Balco Australia's processing facility in Balaklava, SA

Investment in AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Program RD&E objectives: 1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018

Objective	Investment
Oaten hay breeding program	47%
Hay agronomy	38%
Chemical useage integrity	6%
Occupational health and safety	9%

To learn more, download the AgriFutures™ Export Fodder Five Year RD&E Plan 2016-2021

Current projects

Export Fodder Workplace Safety Standards

Principal Investigator: John McKew

Research Organisation: Australian Fodder Industry Association Limited

Expected Completion Date: 28 February 2019

Project ID: PRJ-010828

Fodder Safe 2016-2019

Principal Investigator: Mark Riddell

Research Organisation: Agsmart Pty Ltd

Expected Completion Date: 30 June 2019

Project ID: PRJ-011029

Improved oat varieties for hay production 18-19 (extn PRJ-007615)

Principal Investigator: Pamela Zwer

Research Organisation: South Australian Research and Development Institute

Expected Completion Date: 31 May 2019

Project ID: PRJ-011408

National Hay Agronomy project

Principal Investigator: Georgie Troup

Research Organisation: Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia

Expected Completion Date: 10 June 2022

Project ID: PRJ-011029

Project spotlight (current):

Export Fodder Workplace Safety Standards

Project ID: PRJ-010828

Research Organisation: Australian Fodder Industry Association

The Export Fodder Workplace Safety Standards project commenced in November 2018 with Tricia Chant, Managing Director of Ferriby Group of Companies Pty Ltd, commissioned by AFIA to undertake site visits/audits. Tricia is well known to the fodder industry as the daughter of the late Ann Collins (AFIA Chair) and Mike Collins. Tricia also developed the AFIA Work, Health & Safety (WHS) Program which is offered to all AFIA members.

Seven site visits have been completed so far - one in Western Australia, three in South Australia and three in Victoria with a further 20 sites scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2019.

Feedback to date has been positive with exporters seeing the project as a means to determine any potential improvements in processes and/or policies to improve their overall workplace safety, provided through an independent expert in the field. A written report is provided to each site (usually within 24 hours) of findings made, with recommendations.

An Australian export fodder industry with a high level of workplace safety standards may well become a competitive advantage for the industry in the future but regardless, maintaining and improving the health and safety of all workers is a positive outcome for everyone in the industry.



Principal investigator Tricia Chant, Managing Director of Ferriby Group of Companies Pty Ltd

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