The AgriFutures™ Pasture Seeds Program RD&E Plan 2019-2023 has been developed by AgriFutures Australia in consultation with certified seed growers, seed cleaners, commercial seed suppliers, grower organisation representatives, researchers, allied industry stakeholders and agronomy advisers. The Plan outlines the AgriFutures™ Pasture Seeds Program’s RD&E objectives for the next five years:

1. Production and processing efficiency and profitability: Increased profitability of certified temperate pasture seed production through improved production and processing efficiency.

2. Sustainable certified temperate pasture seed production: Certified temperate pasture seed production is a sustainable enterprise capable of responding to potential threats to production and markets.

3. Connectivity and communication: All sectors of the certified temperate pasture seeds industry and allied industries are connected and engaged through effective communication channels.

4. Building industry capability and capacity: Temperate pasture seed growers and industry service providers have the necessary training, capability and capacity to adopt and/or promote best management practices and to provide industry leadership.

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Current research projects

Potential exotic virus threats to Lucerne seed production in Australia
**Principal Investigator:** Ralf Dietzgen  
**Research Organisation:** The University of Queensland  
**Expected Completion Date:** 31 March 2019  
**Project ID:** PRJ-009751

Improved subterranean clover seed production from multiple disease resistance
**Principal Investigator:** Martin Barbetti  
**Research Organisation:** University of Western Australia  
**Expected Completion Date:** 20 December 2018  
**Project ID:** PRJ-009839

Capitalising on the discovery of Messina for the pasture seeds Industry
**Principal Investigator:** Ross Ballard  
**Research Organisation:** South Australian Research and Development Institute  
**Expected Completion Date:** 30 November 2018  
**Project ID:** PRJ-011271

Molecular markers for cultivar ID and seed certification in pasture legumes
**Principal Investigator:** Kioumars Ghamkhar  
**Research Organisation:** Ag Research Limited  
**Expected Completion Date:** 15 May 2020  
**Project ID:** PRJ-009750

Lucerne Seed Wasp management
**Principal Investigator:** Ainsley Seago  
**Research Organisation:** NSW Department of Primary Industries  
**Expected Completion Date:** 31 January 2019  
**Project ID:** PRJ-010449

Lucerne Variety Trial – Assess optimum plant stress levels for seed production
**Principal Investigator:** Jenny Aitken  
**Research Organisation:** Lucerne Australia Inc.  
**Expected Completion Date:** 30 September 2021  
**Project ID:** PRJ-010959

Ensuring Lucerne seed production in the absence of bees
**Principal Investigator:** John Hamblin  
**Research Organisation:** University of Western Australia  
**Expected Completion Date:** 31 July 2020  
**Project ID:** PRJ-010875

Profitable and environmentally sustainable sub clover and medic seed harvesting
**Principal Investigator:** William Erskine  
**Research Organisation:** University of Western Australia  
**Expected Completion Date:** 2 April 2022  
**Project ID:** PRJ-011096

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