In 2020-21, AgriFutures Australia launched a pilot program called the Producer Technology Uptake Program.

The aim of the program is to work with groups of producers to practically support farmers, fishers and foresters to overcome known barriers to technology adoption on-farm or on-boat.

Am I eligible?

If you answer ‘yes’ to the following criteria, then you are eligible to apply.

- Is your organisation based in Australia?
- Does your group* represent producer members (farmers, fishers or foresters)?
- Are you currently registered with an ABN?
- Does your group have at least 10 producers committed to participating in the program?
- Does your group have experience in managing grants, including financial and reporting systems?
- Would participation in the program genuinely benefit producers in your group?

Grants of up to $20,000 (ex gst) are available to eligible producer groups to design and deliver a producer technology adoption program.

As part of the grant, successful applicants will access a producer workshop to develop an individualised farm technology adoption plan.

Applications close: 12pm (AEDT) Wednesday 10 November 2021

This AgriFutures Australia program is targeted at supporting producers to build their knowledge, capacity and confidence to better utilise and embrace technology — to optimise input use, make more timely decisions and create efficiencies and labour savings.
What can the grants be used for?

Eligible* activities funded through the grant may include, but are not limited to:

- Workshop venue hire fees, catering and other miscellaneous costs
- Group transport for the workshop or other program activities e.g. bus hire
- Equipment or technology demonstration hire
- Consultant fees/other peer support activities that assist members to implement their technology adoption plans
- Travel bursaries for members to attend additional technology adoption training, workshops, demonstration farms or networking events
- Group technology trials, involving the purchase of software or equipment for the purpose of demonstrating useability, return on investment and integration
- Administration costs incurred by the group in delivering the program (up to 10% of the total grant amount).

No workshop facilitation or content development costs should be included in grant applications. The above list of eligible activities is intended as a guide only. Producer groups are encouraged to identify opportunities that suit the needs of their group.

*Further details regarding eligible and ineligible expenditure, as well as the definition of a group can be found in the application guidelines

Submitting an application

Detailed information on the AgriFutures Australia Producer Technology Uptake Program can be found at agrifutures.com.au/national-rural-issues/producer-technology-uptake-program

There will be two (2) intakes for this round – December 2021 and April 2022. Only one application process will be undertaken.

Applicants should read the full application guidelines before submitting an application.

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