

What challenges are facing growers

Challenges facing farm businesses are diverse. Most grower responses indicated that addressing issues associated with high production costs, inadequate regional infrastructure and services, and red tape would have the greatest positive impact to sustainability and profitability.

What Growers have said would be of assistance

Responses indicated it is imperative for Government to reduce red tape, invest in infrastructure and services to address regional inequalities, enhance the national biosecurity system and foster the development risk management products. Other frequent responses emphasised the importance of industry and government collaboration to support strategic research programs and funding and mitigating impacts of climate change.

Support for good farm management decision making, enhancing access to markets and a proactive approach to understanding and engaging with the public about concerns related to agricultural production remain a focus for growers.

Work GrainGrowers has underway for you

Current initiatives include ongoing collaboration with industry and engagement with governments and other key stakeholders to reduce red tape, improve investment in freight and telecommunications infrastructure, support trade and market access opportunities and enhance the sector's sustainability and social licence. Risk management and adaptability to climate change impacts are of core focus, along with maintaining access and freedom of choice to utilise progressive technologies (plant breeding and agricultural chemicals) in Australian production systems.

GrainGrowers is committed to working with growers, governments and the broader industry to address issues at the forefront of farming businesses. We're in the process of sharing the insights from the 2020 survey with key Government Ministers and Government Departments, alongside the policy settings we believe will assist.

Grower feedback is also being built into the action plan for GrainGrowers' policy and advocacy activities across 2020.

We are always keen to hear about challenges or opportunities that are impacting your farm businesses productivity and profitability so please contact the [GrainGrowers team](#) at any time!