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Dr Jared Greenville and ABARES panellists from the Commodities Spotlight session Emily Dahl, Fred Litchfield, Gaby Coulthard, Patrick Mulcahy, Harrison Tuynman and Stephanie Black.

## A message from ABARES

AT the recent Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences Outlook 2025 conference, hundreds of our stakeholders gathered to discuss the sector's challenges, evolving needs and potential solutions.

A clear take away was the need to continue the conversation around agriculture's responsiveness to climate change, geopolitical instability and changing market conditions.

Recent ABARES articles on harmful agricultural support, dairy productivity and non-tariff barriers are helping to inform those discussions.

Thank you to all who attended and presented at ABARES Outlook 2025 – we are especially grateful for the support of platinum sponsors, the Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations.

Conference sessions are available on our

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Outlook also marked 80 years of ABARES as a research organisation.

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**Dr Jared Greenville**  
ABARES Executive Director



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## Holding our biosecurity line while supporting Team Australia

THE sweeping 10 percent tariffs on US exports continue to make news around the world.

Over the past few weeks there has been heightened – and sometimes exaggerated – attention placed on the economic impact these geopolitical events may have on Australia.

While most of these impacts are still being worked through, one risk stands out from all others... the risk to our biosecurity.

It's easy to view the US' decision to impose a 10 percent tariff on all Australian exports, including pork and beef, as a targeted attempt to pressure Australia into weakening our world-class biosecurity standards.

We must resist it. Our biosecurity rules must be non-negotiable.

Biosecurity is not a form of trade protectionism. It's our first line of defence against critical safeguards for the health of our animals and the livelihoods of our hard-working farmers.

It protects our environment from being overrun by invasive species and disease

and helps keep consumers healthy.



by **MARGO ANDRAE**  
CEO



Any relaxation to our biosecurity standards exposes us to the risk of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome, foot-and-mouth disease and African swine fever.

Even a small-scale outbreak would cost our industry hundreds of millions of dollars. For Aussie pork producers, the effect would be even more severe than these catastrophic direct impacts.

It's about protecting our hard-earned reputation for safe, high-quality, nutritious and trusted food.

As the world grows more uncertain, trust is our most valuable asset. Our biosecurity and quality assurance systems, such as the Australian pork industry quality assurance program APIQ✓ and PigPass, instil

that trust at home and overseas, not only protecting our producers but enhancing the reputation of our products globally.

Australia doesn't have the subsidies of Europe, the scale of the US or the labour force of Asia.

What we do have is a strong international reputation for high-quality disease-free pork, thanks to our quality assurance standards and strong biosecurity measures.

It's a legacy that generations of Australian farmers have built, and it cannot be rebuilt overnight.

For this reason, demand for Australian pork remains strong, both internationally and at home.

We've seen healthy growth in Singapore, with overall volume and value up 5.9 percent and 5.6 percent respectively compared with 2024.

The Australian pork industry has a strong

reputation built on science and animal care.

We can't be reactive and trade this away for the mirage of some sort of 'deal'.

This is about investing in our industry as much as it's about protecting it, ensuring Australian pork remains the gold standard for ethical farming and high-quality produce.

Regardless of what's happening overseas, Australian Pork Limited will continue to support Team Australia at home, where Australian pork is enjoying one of its longest periods of strong returns.

We continue to be the second highest protein of choice after chicken, with consumption of fresh pork currently sitting at 10.37kg per capita.

We're seeing great results in the food services space, with pork on menu rising to a high of 65 percent.

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**JUN 25-28** – Livestock Philippines – Pasay City, Philippines. <https://www.livestockphilippines.com/>

**JUN 26** – Iowa Swine Day – Ames, Iowa, USA. <https://www.ipic.iastate.edu/iowaswineday.html>

**JUL 13-16** – National Pork Industry Conference – Iowa, USA. <https://www.porkconference.com/>

**JUL 23** – National Renewables in Agriculture Conference and Expo – Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. <https://renewablesinagconference.com.au/>

**AUG 15-16** – Kingaroy BaconFest – Kingaroy, Australia. <https://www.kingaroybaconfest.com.au/>

**SEP 20-23** – Allen D. Lemman Swine Conference – Minnesota, USA. <https://lemanconference.umn.edu/>

**OCT 15-16** – Dutch Pork and Poultry Expo – Den Bosch, Netherlands. <https://www.porkpoultryexpo.nl/en/>

**OCT 18-20** – Lemman China Swine Conference and World Swine Industry – Changsha, China. <https://www.lemanchina.com/>

**NOV 17-19** – APSA Conference – Melbourne, Australia. <https://www.apsa.asn.au/>

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**Holding our biosecurity line while supporting Team Australia**

from P1 pork, including our most recent consumer campaign to help consumers when it comes to identifying Australian ingredients – the fuller the bar, the more Aussie they are.

Australian pork has a bright future, but we need to keep protecting and investing in our industry to make sure we continue raising the standard.

We need to build

strong supply chains, push for smarter policies and give Australian agriculture room to keep growing. But for now, let's keep getting some pork on our forks. 🍖



Dr Jared Greenville, the author and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Secretary Adam Fennessy at the ABARES Outlook Welcome Sundowners event.

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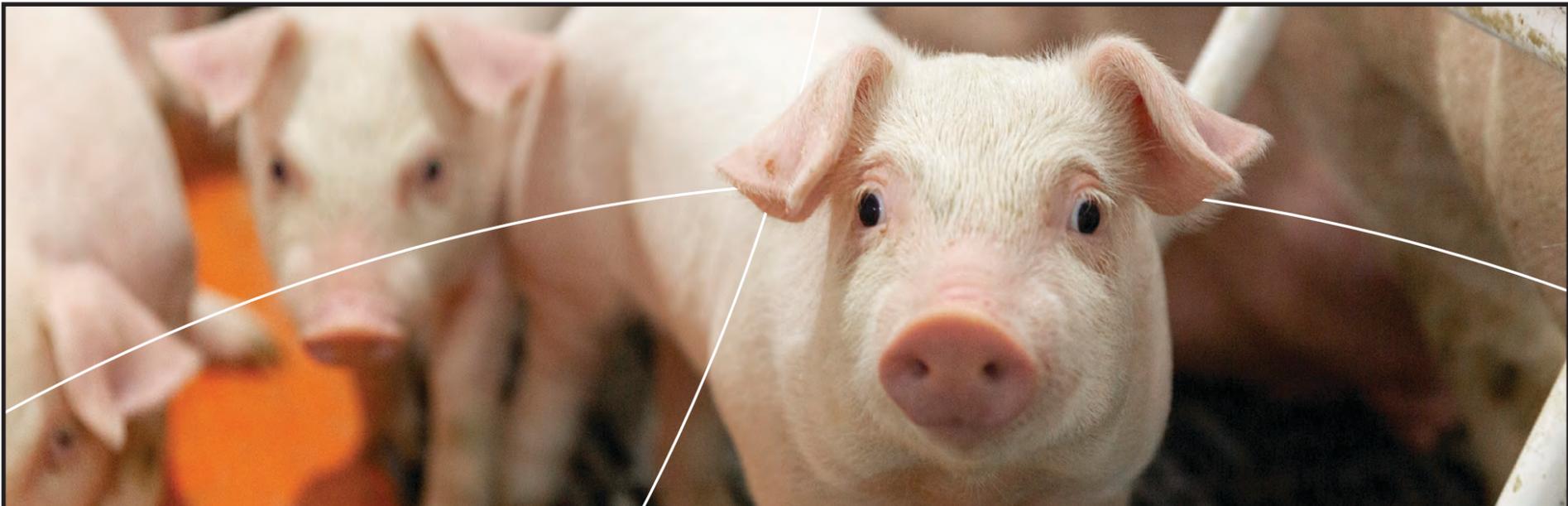
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In an industrial environment where downtime means lost productivity and revenue, finding equipment you can truly count on is invaluable.

The U Series pump at AJ Bush exemplifies

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What's particularly telling is how the U Series maintains the gold standard Chris has come to expect from the brand.

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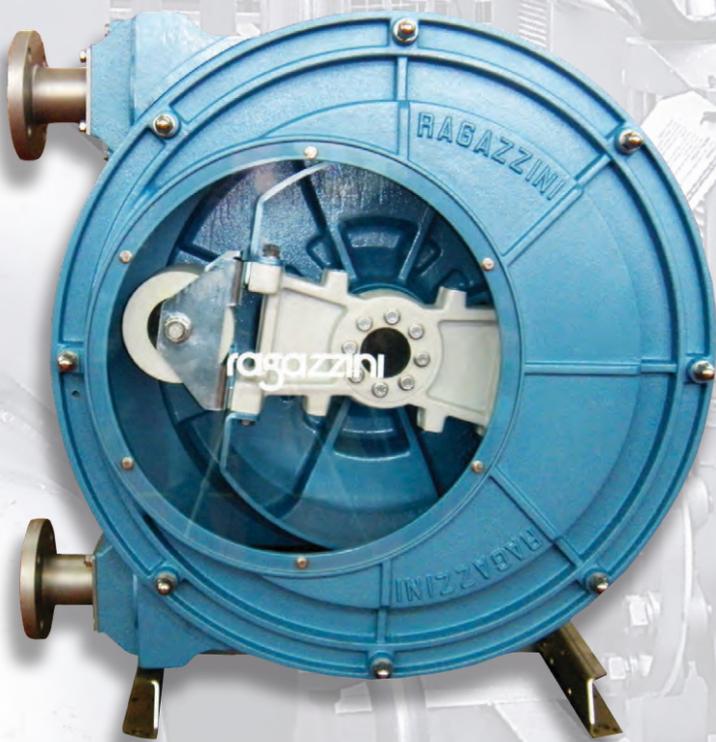
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The utilities supervisor at AJ Bush's Bromelton facility thanks to the reliability of its Gorman-Rupp U Series pump.

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AUSTRALIAN Pork Limited is thrilled to join the Noosa Eat & Drink Festival running from May 31 to June 1 this year, with its first PorkStar Live event set to bring a celebrity chef battle to the main stage.

PorkStar is APL's program for sharing knowledge to ignite passion for pork across the foodservice community, inspiring chefs, artisans and food influencers across the nation to get more pork on menus.

PorkStar Live at Noosa Eat & Drink will be hosted by foodie, writer and much-loved TV personality Hayden Quinn,

and will challenge competing teams to create mouthwatering dishes in minutes from a mystery box of pork cuts, supplied by local producer SunPork.

The impressive team line-up will include TV chef and author Warren Mendes, Chin Chin's executive chef Benjamin Cooper, Masterchef New Zealand judge and Gordon Ramsay alum Josh Emmett, Australian Olympic world champion Michael Klim and Chris Hemsworth's private chef Sergio Perera.

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## Agriculture workforce options under attack

THE National Farmers' Federation has issued a stark warning that mounting red tape and increasingly complex labour laws are choking access to the workers agriculture desperately needs, placing Australia's food security, farm viability and regional economies at serious risk.

NFF president David Jochinke said that workforce access is shaping up to be one of the most pressing issues for farmers this election.

"We're calling on all political leaders to understand that without a reliable farm workforce, our ability to produce affordable, high-quality food and fibre is under direct threat," Mr Jochinke said.

"Labour shortages are already forcing some farmers to leave crops unharvested, turn away business or scale back production.

"Staff costs make up around a third of farm expenses, and access to workers can mean the difference between a successful season or watching produce rot in the paddock."

Mr Jochinke said farmers want to get on

with the job of growing food, not navigating a maze of bureaucracy and visa confusion.

"From skilled workers to seasonal help, we need a system that works with us, not against us," he said.

"This election is a critical moment to fix Australia's broken farm labour pipeline."

### Domestic workforce

"On the home front, farmers are grappling with increasingly complex industrial relations laws," Mr Jochinke said.

"We're asking for a review into these laws because we believe there are huge productivity gains to be achieved by adjusting these rules.

"Small and family run farms are struggling to navigate confusing rhetoric on pay rates, overtime, worker classification, compliance with fair work statutory regimes and more.

"Farmers want to pay their workers a fair wage, but complicated industrial relations laws could be streamlined so farmers can spend more time out in the paddock, rather than chained to the desk."

The NFF also believes that extending the highly

successful Agcareerstart gap year program for another three years and establishing a dedicated agriculture trade apprenticeship would help bolster the domestic workforce.

"The NFF, along with its members, have worked hard to put practical workforce solutions on the table for the incoming Federal Government," he said.

### Overseas workforce

Mr Jochinke said employers relied on multiple secure pathways for overseas workers.

"Short-term, we need to fix the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme, streamline the skilled visa system and retain the Working Holiday Maker visa scheme," he said.

Adding that the PALM scheme is especially fraught, becoming unworkable for many growers thanks to rigid rules and administrative burden.

"There was real concern raised when the migration review flagged limiting, or worse, removing the 88-day regional work incentive for backpackers," he said.

"Thousands of backpackers choose to work

in agriculture and without them we will see farmers walk away from farming.

"Long-term, we'd like to see a dedicated farm visa for those who want to come and work on Aussie farms.

"Farmers are dealing with a hotchpotch of migration streams, including the backpackers, which are not designed directly for agriculture.

"We note the coalition's commitment to introducing a visa for agriculture and 100 per cent throw our support behind that.

"Farmers need a strong workforce strategy – from backpackers to skilled migrants to young Aussies giving agriculture a go."

Following recent announcements from the major parties about migration cuts, the NFF has received assurances from the coalition that these would not impact agriculture.

It has now called on Labor to do the same.

"Any politician serious about addressing cost of living will recognise a viable workforce is key to making sure food prices don't continue to climb." 🐷

## Lower cost emissions through additives

AUSTRALIAN Pork Limited is commencing a new research project on low-cost additives to help Australian pork producers cut on-farm emissions and provide a more accessible pathway to reduce their carbon footprint.

Manure management systems are the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in conventional pig production systems.

In particular, uncovered anaerobic lagoons are responsible for more than 60 percent of total on-farm emissions.

These systems release methane and various other greenhouse gases as organic matter in the effluent breaks down in oxygen-deprived conditions.

While biogas digester systems can significantly reduce emissions by capturing and utilising methane, their installation and maintenance costs remain prohibitively high for many producers, especially small to medium operations.

To help bridge this gap, working with the University of Queensland and SunPork Group, APL has launched a multi-year project focused on testing commercially available additives that can be integrated into existing effluent treatment systems.

These additives are designed to modify the microbial and chemical processes occurring within effluent ponds, reducing methane production at its source.

Effluent additives are emerging as a practical scalable pathway to emissions reduction across the pork industry.

These solutions offer broad accessibility to producers nationwide, empowering them to take meaningful climate action while main-

taining productivity and profitability.

This research project aims to determine which additives are not only effective at lowering emissions but also safe for long-term environmental use.

A core aspect of the project involves evaluating whether treated effluent can be reused for irrigation or other purposes without introducing new environmental risks.

This dual focus on emissions reduction and environmental stewardship ensures that any solutions developed are both practical and responsible.

Currently, the project is in its early research phase, with laboratory-scale testing already delivering promising results.

Several additives have demonstrated potential to significantly reduce emissions under

controlled conditions.

The next steps will see the trial expand to small-scale tests on-farm before moving into full-scale demonstrations that replicate real-world farming conditions.

These stages are essential to understanding how the additives perform outside the lab and how they might fit into daily piggery operations.

With the project scheduled for completion in June 2027, this research is part of APL's broader strategy to support science-backed on-farm innovation that makes emissions reduction more accessible for producers.

Rather than requiring substantial infrastructure investment or operational overhaul, the use of additives could offer producers a flexible cost-effective solution to reduce their environmental impact. 🐷

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## Pairing complementary leaders matters

REFLECTING recently on retired D'Orsogna chair Tony Iannello's career and his board director philosophies, as outlined in last month's column, I thought I'd comment a little on two other memorable leaders, executive and non-executive, who I've worked closely with in the pork industry.

First of all, let me give a big wrap to John Keniry, who chaired both Pork CRCs for eight years, retiring at their November 2013 annual general meeting.

Speaking after the AGM, Pork CRC chief executive officer Roger Campbell thanked Dr Keniry, describing him as instrumental in the universally acknowledged success of the first Pork CRC, for an internationally competitive pork industry, and for the second Pork CRC, for high integrity Australian pork, being awarded.

"John positively impacted all directors and staff and was largely responsible for how very effectively the two boards operated for the past eight years," Dr Campbell said.

"A unique individual, skilled in management, science and research, John always enjoyed the respect of all directors and staff," he added.

I was privileged to manage Pork CRC communications during those eight years, working closely with John and Roger, plus their fellow board and executive teams.

Aside from the fact that I had the utmost respect for both men – largely for their obvious intelligence, perceptive decision making and well-practiced communication skills – both were very engaging individuals, able to mix it with anyone and everyone on anything.

As most readers would fondly recall, Roger was the ultimate communicator – always up for a positive conversation, worthwhile knowledge sharing and very often a good laugh too.

John also was a good communicator, but he had a slightly more measured approach, alas fitting for a non-executive chair.

I often had the feeling John was actively assessing what people had to say as they were saying it, but then he would be balanced and respectful with his responses if they were seeking feedback on their stated position or indeed wanting his

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professional advice.

What all of this really points to is that businesses and organisations, including producer advocacy bodies, must prioritise pairing complementary chairs and CEOs.

The Keniry/Campbell combination was an exemplary example of that and likely largely explains why Pork CRC was so successful and generally so highly regarded by the industry it served.

Below is an extract from my November 2013 column in this publication, when I wrote of John's contribution.

I thought it worth sharing again.

According to Dr Keniry, the two Pork CRCs have demonstrated the ability of major producers, who on a day-to-day basis compete vigorously for domestic market share, to work together on pre-competitive research and to work constructively to implement outcomes for the benefit of industry as a whole.

To that end, he pays

special tribute to the many Pork CRC board members over the years who've contributed their in-depth knowledge of pork production and marketing to the CRCs and then applied it to focus and then drive the research agenda of the CRCs towards commercially beneficial outcomes.

And, of course, he acknowledges nothing is achieved without the endeavour of people.

For eight years the Pork CRCs have benefitted from the wisdom of a number of directors, both independent and non-independent and, according to Dr Keniry, with board meetings forums for free expression of ideas and constructive debate.

And that's truly what boards need to be all about – that is, forums for robust discussions with appropriate emphasis on due diligence and propriety, while always being mentored and guided by the wisdom of a wise chair, as has clearly been the case with Dr Keniry and the Pork CRC.



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The product was widely circulated in the April issue of this publication and the company has been satisfied with the way the industry has

reacted to the introduction of these 316 stainless-steel pumps.

Traditional pumps for pumping wastewater and effluent are made from cast iron.

Aussie Pumps engineers found that the cast-iron pumps were subject to corrosion, and sometimes to abrasive slurries as well.

That resulted in both impeller and pump body wear.

Aussie Pumps chief engineer John Hales said, "The introduction of the Aussie GMP range of 316 stainless steel will change all that, with the pumps manufactured from steel with a high content of chromium and nickel."

Aussie was delighted with the interest taken by the industry in the new products, particularly with a view to the versatility of the Aussie pump range.

"We've now got everything from 2" through to big 4" pumps, self-priming in design but manufactured from 316, with the obvious massive potential savings for piggery operators," Mr Hales said.

"It's a smart investment for long-term success."

The pumps are available in a wide range of configurations, but all are self-priming with the ability to draught water through a suction lift of 6m.

Heads are as high as 32m, providing adequate pressure to be used for wastewater disposal, and double as an aeration system simply by reversing the flow from lagoon or tank through the rotation of suction to delivery.

"It's a neat system and, with three-phase pumps such as the Aussie B4XRA-X, we can move up to 2200LPM and pass solids of up to 1.5", Mr Hales said.

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Candidates for selection must be:

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They should also have demonstrated a genuine interest in pig production through activities such as:

- Working on pig farms
- Undertaking extramural experience with pig veterinary practitioners
- Completing a research project or a university assignment on pigs
- Currently working in a professional environment where they encounter pigs regularly.

Veterinarians working in other fields but curious to explore pig practice are also encouraged to apply.

Dr Chrissie Kracht, the 2023 award winner, travelled to the European Symposium of Porcine Health Management in Thessaloniki and added a side trip to see farms in the UK.

Her particular interests lay in biosecurity challenges and outdoor pig production.

She reported on these matters to a meeting of the Australian Pig Veterinarians in September 2023.

The sponsorship award is worth about \$7000 and includes an economy air fare from Australia to an international conference venue, registration fees and accommodation and living expenses for the period of the meeting.

Candidates may put forward their own travel proposals for consideration by the selection panel.

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# Winter crop harvest to be third biggest

THE Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences has forecast the 2024-25 Australian winter crop to be the third largest on record – up 26 percent on the previous year to 59.8 million tonnes and 27 percent above the 10-year average to 2023-24 of 47.1 million tonnes.

Area planted to winter crops in 2024-25 was estimated to have increased by 8 percent to

24.9 million hectares – a new national record.

While national winter crop production was estimated to increase overall, seasonal conditions were mixed across Australian winter cropping regions.

Winter crop production was estimated to have increased by 79 percent in NSW and more than doubled in Queensland, with total production expected to reach the second highest and highest result on record, respectively.

Despite a dry start and

below average in crop rainfall, total winter crop production in Western Australia was expected to reach the third highest level on record.

In contrast, production was estimated to be well below average in South Australia and Victoria.

Persistent dry conditions throughout the winter cropping season led to widespread moisture stress and significantly lower than average winter crop yields.

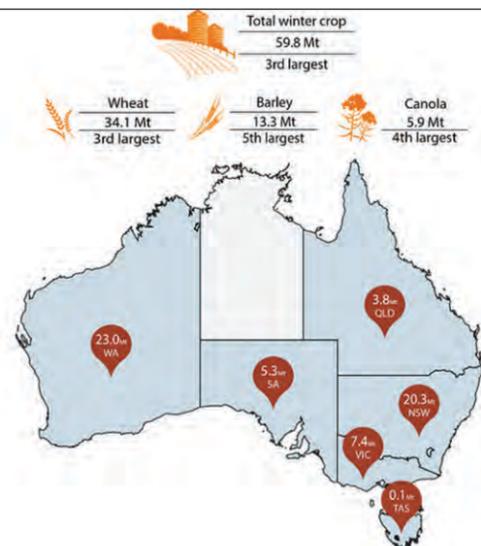
Large areas of south-eastern Australia also experienced widespread

severe frosts during September 2024, which compounded the lack of in-crop rainfall.

The latest forecasts can be found in the Australian Crop Report March 2025 by scanning the QR code.



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Australian winter crop production 2024-25.

## JBS gears up for Wall Street float

THE world's largest meat processor JBS SA is a step closer to securing approval for a primary share listing on the New York Stock Exchange, according to a regulatory filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

The long-awaited US listing would give JBS – currently listed mainly in Brazil – access to a wider pool of global investors and could help lift its market valuation in line with industry rivals.

In the filing, released recently, JBS revealed its board could meet to call a general meeting of shareholders who will vote on the company's proposed 'dual listing' strategy.

According to the documents, the shareholder meeting could be held around May 23, with trading of JBS shares on the NYSE potentially kicking off around June 12.

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equity analyst Igor Guedes said the tentative timeline was a good sign that JBS was feeling confident about the progress of its US listing plans.

He also pointed out that the timeline wasn't entirely in JBS' hands.

A source familiar with the listing process said the SEC had asked JBS to provide estimated dates for filing the F-4 form – used by foreign companies to register securities in the US – but noted those dates were still tentative and could change.

The company said in the filing, "The JBS SA general meeting tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2025 will not be called if the registration

statement on Form F-4 of which this prospectus is a part is not declared effective," confirming that final regulatory approval was still required.

If the dual listing goes ahead, JBS shares will trade both in the US and Brazil, with Brazilian depository receipts to be issued locally.

Brazil's development bank investment arm, BNDESPar (JBS' second-largest shareholder), said recently it would abstain from voting at the upcoming meeting.

The move was seen as a positive by investors, sending JBS shares higher amid uncertainty over whether BNDESPar would support the listing.



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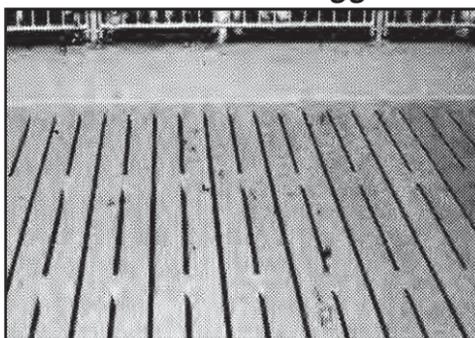
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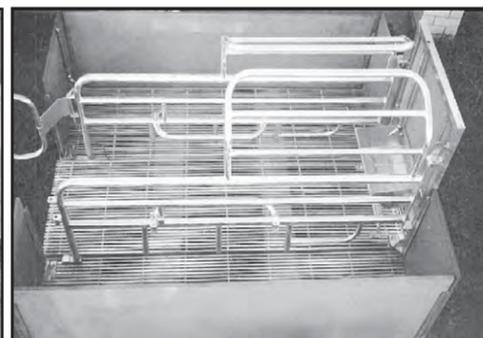
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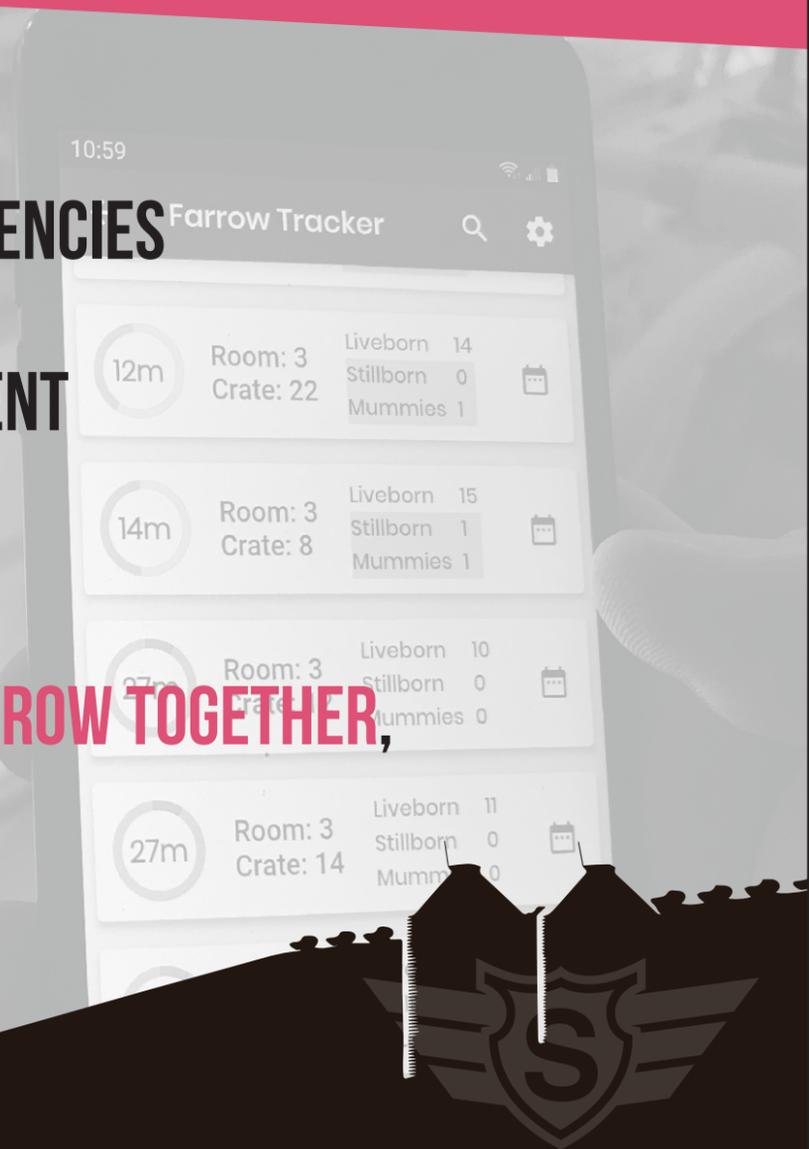
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Dr Sophie Ward

# APRIL joins APL on national Pork and Talk tour

THE Australasian Pork Research Institute Limited team hit the road again recently, joining Australian Pork Limited for its national Pork and Talk industry engagement tour.

Designed to share key industry updates and provide an opportunity for producers to connect across key state areas, the roadshow made stops in Bendigo, Toowoomba, Wagga Wagga, Perth and Tailem Bend.

As part of this tour, APRIL was given the opportunity to present the latest in producer-relevant research and innovation.

APRIL's first speaker, Dr Sophie Ward – who was recently appointed as extension officer for both APRIL and APL – shared early insights from the Tails CRC project aimed at identifying what risk factors contribute to tail-biting behaviours on Australian farms.

The project has monitored over 79,000 pigs across commercial sites in Australia, with the goal of understanding the factors that drive tail-biting behaviours.

With the large-scale data collection phase completed, researchers have been identifying the environmental and management factors linked to tail-biting behaviours.

In response, APRIL has been developing a user-friendly decision support tool to help producers identify and address those risks in their own operations.

As the success of this tool is dependent on producer engagement and adoption, the roadshow created a valuable

forum to discuss its potential application.

Another highlight of the roadshow came from APRIL executive officer Dr Charles Rickard-Bell, who provided an update on Project 5A-116, 'Heating up the House'.

Led by Dr Jessica Craig of Rivalea Australia, the research compared traditional heat lamps with under-creep heat mats in farrowing houses.

The results showed that heat mats not only reduced pre-weaning piglet mortality by 0.5 piglets per litter, mainly due to a decrease in overlays, but were shown to be more energy efficient and cost-effective methods of

providing heat to piglets for early survival.

This research was well received by producers, given the inclusion of a cost benefit analysis that reinforced the commercial value and industry application of this research.

Beyond the science, Pork and Talk sessions created a space for more meaningful conversation about the future of the Australian pork industry.

For the APRIL team, these events are an opportunity to connect with producers directly, understand their challenges and ensure research continues to align with industry needs. APRIL

Item	Annual cost per heating source (AUD)		
	(A) Heat lamp	(B) Heat mat	(C) Aniheater
<b>Costs</b>			
Capital investment	\$10.00	\$19.58	\$8.33
Electricity	\$130.10	\$54.90	\$134.70
Replacement parts	\$1.44	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$141.54</b>	<b>\$74.48</b>	<b>\$143.03</b>
Comparative to (A)	-	-\$67.06	+\$1.49
<b>Benefits*</b>			
Piglet survival (net revenue)	-	\$204.00	\$80.50
<b>Net benefit</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$271.06</b>	<b>\$79.01</b>
<b>Payback period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.3 years</b>	<b>1.2 years</b>

\*Compared to traditional heat lamp (A), calculated using PigEV.

Annual costs and benefits associated with each heating source (all amounts are in Australian dollars and include GST).

AusScan Online		TABLE 1. AusScan Early Harvest Report																				Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd APRIL						
		Protein Moisture and Energy Values for Cereal Grains																										
		March																				2025						
Barley		Protein %				Moisture %				Pig Faecal DE MJ/Kg				Pig Ileal DE MJ/Kg				IDE/FDE Ratio			Broiler AME MJ/Kg				Broiler AME Index			
Region*		Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max
NSW1		9.4	0.80	8.2	12.3	11.2	0.54	10.5	13.9	13.3	0.15	13.1	14.0	10.6	0.32	10.3	12.3	0.80	0.79	0.88	12.1	0.25	11.6	12.8	70.5	2.1	66.7	75.9
QLD		11.6	1.57	6.4	13.4	11.5	0.99	9.3	13.3	12.6	0.23	12.2	13.4	9.9	0.28	9.5	10.7	0.79	0.77	0.80	11.9	0.35	11.3	13.0				
QLD1		10.9	1.52	8.3	12.7	10.7	0.98	8.7	12.2	12.5	0.08	12.3	12.7	10.4	0.18	10.0	10.7	0.83	0.81	0.85	11.7	0.34	10.8	12.2				
SA1		12.8	0.68	11.8	14.0	10.6	0.73	9.6	12.2	13.2	0.15	13.0	13.6	10.7	0.21	10.5	11.2	0.81	0.81	0.82	12.2	0.33	11.7	12.8	66.0	3.5	59.4	71.6
SA2		13.1	0.63	12.0	15.1	10.0	0.86	8.1	11.5	13.3	0.07	13.1	13.4	10.7	0.17	10.3	11.0	0.81	0.79	0.82	12.3	0.24	11.6	12.7	66.7	1.9	62.1	70.0
VIC		10.1	1.75	1.7	12.7	10.2	1.82	8.1	19.5	12.6	0.27	12.3	13.8	10.0	0.37	9.3	11.6	0.79	0.76	0.84	11.5	0.79	10.7	14.5				
VIC 1		11.0	1.72	8.7	14.0	10.4	0.80	8.8	11.8	12.5	0.29	12.1	13.0	11.6	1.32	10.2	14.7	0.92	0.84	1.13	11.9	0.42	11.2	12.5				
VIC 2		10.7	1.18	8.1	12.6	9.8	0.77	8.4	11.4	12.5	0.16	12.1	12.9	10.4	0.34	9.8	11.1	0.84	0.81	0.86	11.4	0.33	10.7	12.1				
VIC 3		10.0	0.76	7.4	11.6	10.0	0.72	8.4	11.0	12.5	0.40	12.2	13.7	10.9	0.51	10.0	12.1	0.87	0.83	0.88	11.6	0.45	10.7	12.8				
Sorghum		Protein %				Moisture %				Pig Faecal DE MJ/Kg				Pig Ileal DE MJ/Kg				IDE/FDE Ratio			Broiler AME MJ/Kg				Broiler AME Index			
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Wheat		Protein %				Moisture %				Pig Faecal DE MJ/Kg				Pig Ileal DE MJ/Kg				IDE/FDE Ratio			Broiler AME MJ/Kg				Broiler AME Index			
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VIC		12.2	1.35	8.1	17.6	10.6	0.95	7.9	12.5	13.7	0.09	13.5	14.7	11.9	0.16	11.3	13.0	0.86	0.84	0.88	12.7	0.28	12.1	14.5	77.2	1.1	74.1	79.3
VIC 1		13.1	1.62	9.6	18.1	10.2	1.01	8.5	12.8	13.7	0.07	13.4	13.9	12.3	0.21	11.5	13.4	0.90	0.85	0.97	12.7	0.29	11.9	13.5	77.3	1.4	73.2	80.9
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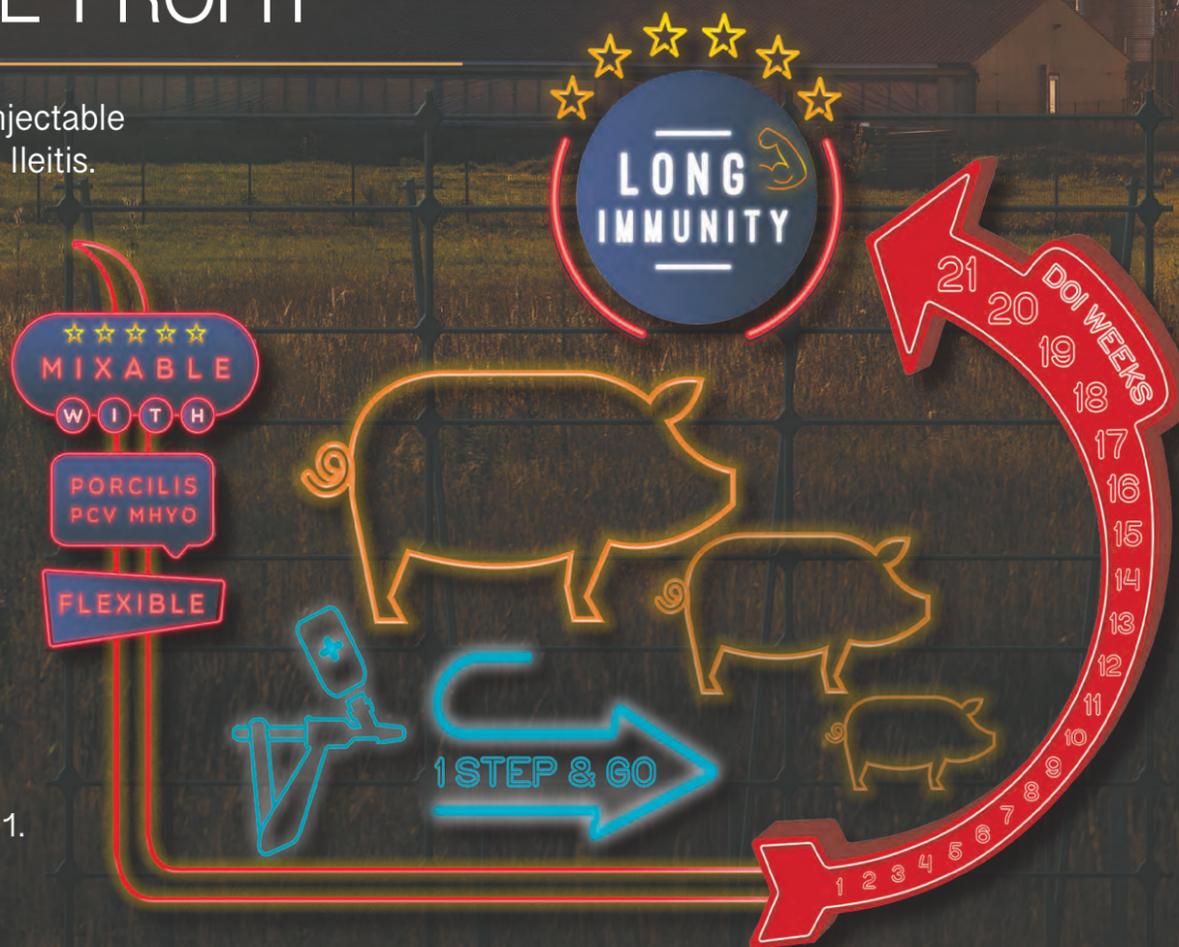


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