



Agronomy Project

Help define the national skills standards for applied agronomy.

The science of agronomy plays a key role in Australia's food security, studying how environmental influences can impact the growth and use of plants and animals for food, fibre, fuel and land reclamation. If you have experience in agronomy, you're invited to provide feedback on the skills needed to put agronomy science into practice. Industry is leading the development of a skill set in digital agronomy and Diploma of Agronomy.

Why is this project happening?

Agronomists assist farmers to achieve the best long-term results from the land, improving the productivity and sustainability of agricultural practices. In a country where drought is a recurring factor, being able to adapt to weather events is paramount. Practical skills in agronomy can help put research into practice to achieve this, but there is a shortage of people with the technical expertise. While the Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business has observed an increase in demand for agricultural scientists and consultants, the Victorian Skills Commissioner notes that staff and specialists with expertise in Agronomy are difficult to find.

Australian farmers produce almost 93 percent of Australia's daily domestic food supply.

National Farmers' Federation, Farm Facts

Key dates*

September 2019

Draft skill standards and qualification available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

December 2019

The redrafted documents available for comment and validation.

June 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

**Please check website for updates*

The Agriculture and Production Horticulture Industry Reference Committee is overseeing this project, as part of their responsibility to support engagement with the sector, and to ensure the project meets industry stakeholder needs.

Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for this sector?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards of job roles in agronomy, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

Visit skillsimpact.com.au to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project manager, Lucinda, directly on 03 9321 3526.

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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