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This survey will collect information on agricultural production throughout Australia and its contribution to the national economy, as well as the management practices being adopted and applied by Australian farmers.

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Australian Statistician

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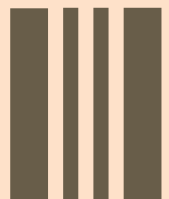
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### Part A – Business details

#### 1 Did this business operate an agricultural property between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?

**Note**

- The person completing this form should be the person responsible for making **decisions** about the **use** and **care** of the land making up this holding.

**Including**

- Land used for livestock, crop growing, horticultural activities and hobby farming
- Sharefarming activities undertaken on **your** land
- Land owned or leased by this business
- Beekeeping

**Excluding**

- Sharefarming activities undertaken on **someone else's** land
- Land leased to others

- No  Go to Question **81**
- Yes

#### 2 Is the Australian Business Number (ABN) printed on the front of the form correct for this business's main agricultural operation(s)?

- No  Go to Question **3**
- Yes  Go to Question **4**

#### 3 What is the ABN for this business's main agricultural operation(s)?

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**8 Please provide a breakdown of the total area of your holding according to the main use of the land between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008**

*Note*

- Please report part hectares.
- To convert acres to hectares, divide acres by 2.47.
- If exact figures are not available, please provide careful estimates.

*Including*

- All land worked for you by **sharefarmers**
- Land you lease **from** others

*Excluding*

- Land operated elsewhere by you under a **sharefarming** agreement
- Land you lease **to** others

**Land not used for agricultural production**

- Hectares
- (a) Land set aside for conservation/protection purposes (including land that is largely unmodified and managed to preserve its condition) ... ..  ,  ,  .
- (b) Other areas not used for agricultural production (including houses and buildings, service and access areas, water bodies, and other agriculturally unproductive or inaccessible areas) ... ..  ,  ,  .

**Land mainly used for agricultural production**

- (c) Land mainly used for crops (including vegetables, fruit, nuts, rice, cotton, grapevines and nurseries etc., including land left fallow between crops) ... ..  ,  ,  .
- (d) Land mainly used for grazing (including land spelled between stock rotations)
- grazing on improved pastures ... ..  ,  ,  .
  - grazing on other land (including natural pastures/grasslands, rangelands, woodland/shrubland, forested areas and swamps/wetland) ... ..  ,  ,  .
- (e) Land mainly used for forestry plantation ... ..  ,  ,  .
- (f) Land mainly used for other agricultural purposes (including feedlots, piggery and poultry sheds) ... ..  ,  ,  .

**Part B – Crops and horticulture**

**9 Did you undertake any cropping activity (including cereal or other broadacre crops, sugar cane, cotton, vegetables for human consumption, fruit or nuts) during the year ended 30 June 2008?**

*Including*

- Sharefarming activities undertaken on **your** land
- The area of failed crops cut for hay

*Excluding*

- Sharefarming activities undertaken on **someone else's** land
- Crops grown specifically for hay (report in Question 16)

No   Go to Question **16**

Yes

**10 Cereal, sugar cane, cotton and other crops harvested, fed off or failed between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008**

*Note (applicable to Questions 10 - 15)*

- **Complete failure** of any crop should be noted by '0' in the Total production column, **but the area of the crops that failed should still be shown.**
- Where two or more crops have been grown on the same area during the year, the area should be shown for each crop.
- Areas of wheat, oats, etc., resown after germination failure should be included only once.
- Where harvest is not yet complete or actual production weight is unknown, please estimate production.

	Area sown/planted for 2007-08 crop Hectares	Total production for 2007-08
Wheat for grain .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Oats for grain .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Barley for grain .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Sorghum for grain (2008 harvest) .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Rice for grain (2008 harvest) .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Canola .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Lupins for grain or seed .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Sugar cane cut for crushing during 2007 season	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Cotton lint - irrigated and non-irrigated (weight of lint ginned from seed) .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • 0 kg
All other crops (excluding fruit and vegetables)	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0	

**11 Vegetables for sale for human consumption between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008**

	Area sown	Total production
Carrots .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • [ ][ ] ha	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Potatoes, fresh market and processing.....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • [ ][ ] ha	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Tomatoes, fresh market and processing .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • [ ][ ] ha	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Onions (brown, white and red).....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • [ ][ ] ha	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] • 0 t
Mushrooms .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ] m <sup>2</sup>	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] , [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • 0 kg
All other vegetables for human consumption .....	[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] • [ ][ ] ha	

**12 Area of fruit trees, nut trees, plantation or berry fruit at 30 June 2008** .....  ,   •  ha

**13 Orchard fruit and nuts intended for sale – grown between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008**

*Note*  
• Show production in terms of fresh weight.

*Including*  
• Sales to processors

	Trees under 6 years Number	Trees 6 years and over Number	Total production Kilograms
Oranges .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>
Mandarins .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>
Peaches, fresh market and processing...	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>
Mangoes .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>
Macadamias .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>
All other orchard fruit and/or nuts... ..	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/>	

**14 Other fruit intended for sale – grown between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008**

*Including*  
• Include sales to processors

	Area not yet bearing Hectares	Area of bearing age Hectares	Total production
Bananas .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value="0"/> t
Grapes .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/> t
Strawberries .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/> kg
All other fruit .....	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/> , <input type="text" value=""/> • <input type="text" value=""/>	

**15 Area of nurseries, cut flowers and cultivated turf grown between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008**

Hectares

*Including*  
• All areas used for propagation

,  •

**Part C – Production of hay**

**16** Please report any pasture, cereal or other crops (including failed crops) cut for hay between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 ..... Hectares Tonnes

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**17** Hay sold between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 ..... Tonnes

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**Part D – Land preparation for crops and pastures**

*Note*

- Cultivation includes discing, ploughing, scarifying and harrowing etc.
- Include each area only once.
- Do not include post-sowing cultivation.

**18** Did you prepare (spray or cultivate) any land for crops and/or pastures on this holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?

No   Go to Question 25

Yes

**19** Please show the area of land prepared for crops and/or pastures between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008, using the following:

Hectares

No cultivation (apart from herbicide spraying or sowing) .....

One or two cultivations only .....

Three or more cultivations .....

**20** Have you changed cultivation methods on this holding in the last 5 years?

Tick one box only

No.....

Yes, resulting in **increased** number of cultivation passes.....

Yes, resulting in **decreased** number of cultivation passes .....

**21** Please show the approximate period between harvesting and sowing of your crops (fallow period) between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008

**Including**

- Areas which have been pasture topped, cultivated or had knockdown herbicides applied

**Excluding**

- Areas under pasture

Hectares

Less than 3 months .....

3 to 9 months .....

More than 9 months .....

**22 What crop residue (stubble or trash) management practices were used on your crops between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

*Note*

- Include each area only once
- Include failed crops

Hectares

Stubble was left intact (no cultivation, crops direct drilled) .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Most stubble or trash removed by baling or heavy grazing .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Stubble or trash removed by a hot burn (early season, summer) .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Stubble or trash removed by a cool burn (late season, autumn) .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Stubble or trash was ploughed into the soil .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Stubble or trash was mulched, i.e. spread on surface .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>

**23 Have you changed, in the last 5 years, the period that crop residue (stubble or trash) remains on the ground?**

Tick one box only

No.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, with crop residue remaining on the ground for a <b>longer</b> period .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, with crop residue remaining on the ground for a <b>shorter</b> period .....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**24 Do you include a pasture phase in your cropping rotation?**

No

Yes  Please specify the average length of pasture phase  Years

**25 Did you use controlled traffic farming on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

*Note*

- Controlled traffic farming is where machinery used for farming has an identical wheel track width (or multiples of) and follows the same wheel tracks in the paddock to minimise soil compaction.

**Including**

- Permanent beds

**Excluding**

- The movement of livestock on laneways

No

Yes



Part E – Soil condition

26 Have you undertaken any soil testing on this holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?

- No  Go to Question 28
- Yes

27 What did the soil testing include?

Please tick all that apply

- pH .....
- Nutrient levels .....
- Organic matter levels .....
- Salinity levels (E.C.) .....
- Other .....
- Don't know .....

28 Did you undertake any activities to prevent or manage soil acidity on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?

- Not applicable  Go to Question 30
- No .....
- Yes .....

29 What activities did you undertake to prevent or manage soil acidity on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?

	Hectares		Tonnes applied
Applied lime, lime sand or limestone .....	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	...	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>
Applied dolomite .....	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	...	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>
Planted acid tolerant crops/pastures .....	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>		
Changed fertiliser type .....	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>		
Other .....	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>		

30 Have you changed your farming practices to prevent or manage soil acidity on your holding in the last 5 years?

- No
- Yes

**31 Did you undertake any activities to prevent or manage soil salinity on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

- Not applicable  Go to Question **33**
- No... ..
- Yes ... ..

**32 What activities did you undertake to prevent or manage soil salinity on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

*Note*

- Recharge areas are areas where water leaks into groundwater.
- Discharge areas are areas where water leaks out of the ground.

Hectares

Revegetated saline areas or discharge sites .....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0
Plantings of trees or other perennials in recharge areas .....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0
Increased irrigation to flush root zone salinity .....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0
Used salt tolerant crop, pasture or rootstock.....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0
Replaced annual pasture-crop species with perennial species .....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0
Engineering solutions (e.g. drains, banks and other earthworks) .....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0
Other .....	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	• 0

**33 Have you changed your farming practices to prevent or manage soil salinity on your holding in the last 5 years?**

- No
- Yes

**Part F – Fertiliser use**

**34 Have you applied any fertiliser to your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

- No  Go to Question **37**
- Yes

**35 How much fertiliser did you use between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

**Note**

- If the same fertiliser was applied to an area more than once, report the area once only.
- If two or more types of fertiliser were applied to the same area, report area on each occasion.

	Hectares	Tonnes applied
Urea .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Ammonium sulphate .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Urea ammonium nitrate (Flexi-N, Easy-N) .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Anhydrous ammonia .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Single superphosphate .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Double and/or triple superphosphate .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Muriate of potash and/or sulphate of potash .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Potassium nitrate .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Ammonium phosphates (MAP and/or DAP) .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
All other manufactured fertiliser (including specialised blends) .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Animal manure .....	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

**36 Which of the following methods do you use to decide how much fertiliser to apply?**

Please tick all that apply

- Based on soil tests .....
- Previous paddock yields .....
- Apply a standard annual rate .....
- Follow consultant's recommendations .....
- Use as much as can be afforded .....
- Vary rates depending on seasonal conditions .....
- Leaf and/or stem sampling .....



**Part H – Surface water management**

**39 Which of the following were used for surface water management on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

*Note*

- Surface water includes rainfall runoff and irrigation tail waters.

Please tick all that apply

- Maintaining ground cover on paddocks .....
- Grassed drains (grassed waterways constructed to contain and direct runoff) .....
- Contour banks .....
- Tree and shrub ‘filter strips’ adjacent to streams .....
- Unfertilised buffer strips adjacent to streams .....
- Retaining and recycling tail waters on farm .....
- None .....
- Other .....

**40 Have you changed your practices to improve surface water management on your holding in the last 5 years?**

No

Yes

**Part I – Effluent management**

**41 Did you undertake any intensive effluent management practices for livestock on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

*Including*

- Feedlots, dairy, poultry, pig farming etc.

No  Go to **Part J** on page 14

Yes

**42 Which of the following effluent management practices were used on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

Please tick all that apply

- Effluent allowed to drain directly into paddocks .....
- Effluent ponding:
  - single pond/sump .....
  - multiple ponds/sumps .....
- Manure stockpiling (purpose built area) .....
- Other .....

**43 Have you changed your practices to improve the effluent management on your holding in the last 5 years?**

No

Yes

**Part J – Ownership and agistment of livestock**

<p><b>Including</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All livestock, regardless of ownership, present on the holding at 30 June 2008 (including those agisted on this holding)</li> <li>• All livestock which belong on this holding but were temporarily absent on stock routes or in transit at 30 June 2008</li> </ul>	<p><b>Excluding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock belonging to the holding, but temporarily on another holding at 30 June 2008</li> <li>• Stock owned by you and <b>sharefarmed</b> on someone else’s land</li> </ul>
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**44 Did you have livestock on the holding at 30 June 2008?**

No  Go to Question 46

Yes

**45 Number of livestock on holding at 30 June 2008**

Number

Dairy cattle

– cows in milk and dry ...

– heifers 1 to 2 years ...

– heifers over 2 years ...

– other dairy cattle (bulls, calves) ...

Meat cattle

– cows and heifers 1 year and over ...

– all other meat cattle (bulls, steers, calves) ...

Sheep and lambs

– breeding ewes, 1 year and over (including maiden ewes intended for breeding) ...

– all other sheep (including rams, marked lambs, wethers, hoggets and non-breeding ewes) ...

Pigs

– breeding sows (excluding unmated gilts) ...

– all other pigs (boars, gilts, suckers, weaners, growers and finishers) ...

Poultry

– laying hens ...

– meat chickens ...

All other livestock (e.g. horses, goats, domesticated buffaloes)...

**46 Did you graze stock on pasture and/or crops (including crop stubble) on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

No   Go to **Part K on page 16**

Yes

**47 What proportion of your pasture is made up of perennial species? ... ..**           %

**48 Do you monitor the amount of ground cover in your paddocks?**

No   Go to **Part K on page 16**

Yes

**49 What is the main method used to monitor ground cover levels?**

Tick one box only

Visual estimates (either in passing or more careful inspection but without any formal processes) ... ..

Step pointing (i.e. using a point marked on the boot to determine the number of hits on ground cover in a specified number of steps) ... ..

Photo monitoring standards (i.e. comparison with photos of known ground cover levels or photos at a fixed point over time) ... ..

Counting the number of plants within a defined area ... ..

Other ... ..

**50 Do you have a target for minimum ground cover levels?**

*Note*  
 • 100% ground cover means soil cannot be seen and 0% ground cover means soil is bare.

No

Yes   please specify level         %

**51 Have you changed your grazing management practices to improve the level of ground cover on your holding in the last 5 years?**

No

Yes

### Part K – Protecting the natural environment for conservation purposes

**Definition**

- Native vegetation includes trees (shrubs, saplings and scrub) and understorey plants including grasses and herbs **native to your district**.
- Protecting native vegetation includes control or exclusion of stock access, managing weeds and pests, ensuring vegetation is not cleared, wetlands are not drained artificially, planting or seeding of native vegetation.
- Conservation includes protecting diversity; reducing wind, water and stream erosion; improving water quality; flood control.

**Including**

- Remnant, regenerated or planted native vegetation

**52** Approximately what area of native vegetation did you have on your holding at 30 June 2008?

None ...  Go to Question **57**

Area ...  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  .  0 Hectares

Don't know

**53** Approximately what area of native vegetation on your holding was protected for conservation purposes at 30 June 2008?

None ...  Go to Question **56**

Area ...  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  .  0 Hectares

Don't know

**54** Which of the following activities did you undertake to protect native vegetation for conservation purposes on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?

Please tick all that apply

- Total livestock exclusion...
- Controlled livestock access ...
- Planted and/or seeded native vegetation ...
- Managed weeds ...
- Managed pests and/or feral animals ...
- Retained existing native vegetation ...
- Other ...

**55** Have you changed your farming practices to protect native vegetation for conservation purposes on your holding in the last 5 years?

No

Yes





**61 Do you have any rivers or creeks on your holding?**

**Including**

- Rivers or creeks that are currently dry
- Rivers or creeks that are part of your holding's boundary

No  Go to Question **65**

Yes

**62 Approximately what area of river or creek banks on your holding was protected for conservation purposes at 30 June 2008?**

None ...  Go to Question **65**

Area ...  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  .   Hectares

Don't know

**63 Which of the following activities did you undertake to protect river or creek banks for conservation purposes on your holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

Please tick all that apply

- Total livestock exclusion...
- Controlled livestock access ...
- Planted and/or seeded native vegetation ...
- Managed weeds ...
- Managed pests and/or feral animals ...
- Retained existing native vegetation ...
- Other ...

**64 Have you changed your farming practices to protect river and creek banks for conservation purposes on your holding in the last 5 years?**


No

Yes

**65 Did you have a conservation agreement covering any part of your holding as at 30 June 2008?**

**Note**

- A conservation agreement is an agreement between a landowner and an authorised body to help the landowner protect and manage the vegetation on their property.

No   Go to Question **67**

Yes

**66 How many hectares are covered by the conservation agreement and how many years is this agreement for?**

**Note**

- The period of the agreement should be the total period from the beginning of the agreement.

Hectares  ,  ,  .  0

Years ...  or In perpetuity

**Part L – Farm management**

**67 In relation to this business are you the:**

**Tick one box only**

Owner/operator .....

Manager .....

Other .....

**68 What was your age last birthday?** .....  Years

**69 How many years have you been involved in the management of this holding?** (Answer to the nearest year) .....  Years

**70 How many years have you been involved in farming in your local region/shire?** (Answer to the nearest year) .....  Years

**71 Are you, or a representative of this agricultural business, currently a member of a Landcare group?**

No

Yes

**72 Which of the following did you have in place for your holding at 30 June 2008?**

*Note*

- Documented means a written plan either on paper or on computer.
- Not documented means a clear plan in your head.
- Each plan may be an individual plan or part of an overall farm plan.

Please tick all that apply

	Not documented	Documented
Production management plan (e.g. plans of future stock numbers, crop rotations, breeding plan etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business financial plan (e.g. budget plan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Succession plan (i.e. plan for handing over to family members on your retirement) (excluding wills)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural resource management (NRM) plan (e.g. planning vegetation corridors, controlling surface water movement, undertaking weed and pest management)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management strategies for exceptional events (i.e. drought, flood, fire etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**73 Which of the following sources of information or advice for making decisions on your farm have you used between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

Please tick all that apply

Regional NRM organisations (e.g. CMAs (NSW and Vic.), Committees, Groups or Associations (Qld), NRM Boards (SA), NRM Groups or Catchment Councils (WA), NRM Committees (Tas.), NRM Board (NT) )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other local and/or state government (e.g. Rural Lands Protection Boards, shire weed officers, government veterinary officers etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landcare groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farm journals and agricultural media (e.g. newspaper, radio etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry groups (e.g. National Farmers' Federation, NSW Farmers' Association, Meat and Livestock Australia etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agri-businesses (e.g. fertiliser/stock agents etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accountants or rural financial counsellors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private agronomists/consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other farmers	<input type="checkbox"/>

**74 Did the business participate in projects or receive funding from any of the following sources between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

Please tick all that apply

- Landcare Program .....
- Natural Heritage Trust .....
- National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality .....
- Non-government groups (e.g. Greening Australia, World Wildlife Fund) ...
- Envirofund .....
- FarmBis .....
- State government funded projects .....
- Other .....
- None of the above   Go to Question **76**

**75 What benefits resulted from your participation in these programs/initiatives?**

Please tick all that apply

- Gained new skills and/or information .....
- On-ground works were implemented on the farm .....
- Improved community interaction/networks .....
- Improved understanding of land management and environmental issues ... ..
- Other .....
- No benefit .....

**76 Have you worked together with your neighbours on any of the following issues over the last 5 years?**

Please tick all that apply

- Pest and/or feral animal control .....
- Weed control .....
- Native vegetation management .....
- Salinity or other water quality management .....

**77 Would you be willing to work with your neighbours on natural resource management issues in the future?**

- No
- Yes

**Part M – Seasonal conditions**

**78 Which of the following adverse seasonal conditions did you experience on this holding between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008?**

Please tick all that apply

- Drought .....
- Severe frosts .....
- Hail and/or severe storms (including cyclones) .....
- Flood .....
- Increase in seasonal variability .....
- None of the above  **Go to Question 80**

**79 Which of the following responses did you find effective in dealing with these adverse seasonal conditions?**

Please tick all that apply

**(a) Livestock – related**

- De-stocking (include reducing stock numbers, agisting stock elsewhere, selling stock earlier) .....
- Buy in and/or use on-farm fodder reserves.....
- Modify livestock program (include changing flock structure, breeding program, changing stock type) .....
- Change pasture species.....

**79 Which of the following responses did you find effective in dealing with these adverse seasonal conditions? – (continued)**

**(b) Cropping and/or planting** (cereal/grain/fodder crops and annual/perennial horticulture)

Please tick all that apply

Change area of crop/plants sown and/or harvested .....

Modify cropping/planting program (modifying rotation practices and/or sowing time, changing type of crop grown) .....

Implement moisture conserving practices (deep sowing, direct drilling, stubble retention etc.) .....

Install crop/plant protection measures (e.g. hail/bird netting, frost fans or windbreaks) .....

**(c) Water – related**

Please tick all that apply

Buy in and/or use on-farm water reserves .....

Modify irrigation program (watering less often, using less water) .....

Reduce area irrigated .....

Change water source .....

Improve on-farm water use efficiency (infrastructure upgrades, new technology) .....

Were any of the above in response to reduced water allocation?

No

Yes

**(d) Financial activities**

Please tick all that apply

Undertake debt restructuring .....

Utilise Farm Management Deposits .....

Utilise other financial reserves and/or increase business liabilities (e.g. increase overdraft) .....

Obtain and/or increase off-farm work .....

Accept Exceptional Circumstances (EC) assistance (including interest rate subsidies) .....

Accept other government assistance .....

### Part N – Internet Use

#### 80 Did this business use the Internet as part of its business operations during the year ended 30 June 2008?

**Note**

- Report any business related use of the Internet, on farm premises or elsewhere.

**Excluding**

- Internet activities not directly related to the business's activities

Tick one box only

- Yes, using dial-up connection (including analog modem and ISDN connections)
- Yes, using broadband connection (including ADSL, cable, wireless and satellite connections) .....
- Yes, using other connection (including Internet access through handheld devices such as mobile phones) .....
- No Internet use .....

### Part O – Future intentions

#### 81 Does this business intend to operate an agricultural property in the future?

- No... ..
- Yes ... ..
- Don't know

### Part P – Comments and time taken

#### 82 Please provide comments

– on any information you have supplied on this form (e.g. related to unusual movements or other factors) (please use BLOCK letters)

– on any difficulties you had providing the requested information, or suggested improvements to this form (please use BLOCK letters)

#### 83 Please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this form

**Including**

- The time actually spent reading the instructions, working on the questions and obtaining the information
- The time spent by all employees in collecting and providing this information

hrs mins

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Thank you for completing this form