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#### VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED 2012-13

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Survey of the Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced for the 2012-13 financial year.

The survey will be conducted from July 2013 from a sample of approximately 400 agricultural businesses across Australia using a paper form. The collection will to obtain commodity price data which, in conjunction with agricultural production data collected via Australian Bureau of Statistics' annual program of agricultural surveys and data from other sources (such as administrative data), is used to produce information on the value of agricultural commodities produced in the reference year. This data feeds into the calculation of National Accounts and is used by various stakeholders including government departments; local government agencies; and industry groups.

The survey will collect information on a range of indicators including

- the value and quantity purchased of a range of broad-acre crops, fruit and vegetables, grain crops and dried fruit;
- marketing costs for transport, container prices and storage prices for agricultural commodities;
- marketing costs of egg production and purchase of shell eggs for human consumption; and
- the value of various crops purchased or handled from harvest (trade).

The survey data will be published at national, state and regional levels. It will also be used in the compilation of the Australian National Accounts.

The survey will be extensively field tested to ensure that the required data is readily available and that provider load is minimised. There has been a high level of respondent cooperation to previous surveys and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Final results from the survey are expected to be published in mid-2014.

The survey forms part of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' historical annual program of agricultural surveys and ABS expects to conduct the survey annually into the future.

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