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**AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SURVEY 2011-12**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct an Agricultural Resource Management Survey for the 2011-12 reference period.

The survey will be conducted from June 2012, using both a paper form and an Internet based form, from a sample of approximately 35,000 agricultural businesses across Australia.

The survey will collect information on agricultural resource management including:

- agricultural commodities including crops, livestock and horticultural products;
- land use;
- land preparation for crops and horticulture;
- soil condition;
- fertiliser use;
- protecting the natural environment for conservation purposes;
- land preparation and management for pastures;
- irrigation and water use; and
- farm management.

The survey will provide data at national, state and Natural Resource Management region levels.

The survey has been developed in consultation with major users, including relevant Commonwealth and State government departments and agencies, and the major industry representative bodies. The data will be used to inform policy development and analysis by stakeholders such as Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and other users with an interest in agricultural and natural resource management policy. This data will also be used by the ABS in the compilation of the Australian National Accounts.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available. No significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Final results from the survey are expected to be released in mid 2013.

The ABS expects to conduct further surveys on this topic in the future.

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