



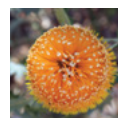
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Sustainable Agriculture

Natural Resource Management is the sustainable
management of Australia's natural resources;
our land, water, marine and biological systems





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Sustainable agriculture is the production of food and fibre products using farming practices that maximise economic return for growers whilst providing healthy, nutritious food for consumers and actively improving outcomes for our environment.

Sustainable Agriculture creates a focus on using resources efficiently and effectively to ensure quality production for present and future generations.

Why is it critical for our growers to adopt sustainable agricultural practices?

The Swan region of Western Australia is home to a wide range of farming enterprises that are vital to our community and a major contributor to the economy. They produce a range of products such as fruit, vegetables, wine and meat whilst providing jobs to the community. Growers recognise the need to improve agricultural practices in order to ensure the continued supply of safe, healthy and fresh produce to metropolitan Perth, its surrounds and Western Australia.

To create a sustainable food future where we can enjoy the security of locally grown food for generations, we need to continually adopt and enhance best practice.

We aim to achieve the following :

- *To maintain viable production and help build vibrant farming communities*

Adopting best practice increases the opportunity for farms to ensure they maintain productivity and profits and remain economically viable over the long term, whilst helping to boost regional economies and communities.

- *To provide quality food and protect the health of humans and animals*

Sustainable practices allow producers to provide communities with food that is safe to consume whilst fostering a safe working environment for farm workers and their families.

- *To improve the environment*

Sustainable agricultural practices help preserve our precious resources such as water and enable land managers to make a positive contribution to the environment. Sound agricultural practices help to maintain our healthy ecosystems and reduce the amount of harmful toxins in our environment.



Our Sustainable Agriculture Program helps promote better practices in the Swan region



It is no simple task getting the balance right between viable production, maximising the use of our natural resources and reducing harm to our environment.

We work closely with fresh food producers and understand the challenges they face each day. We undertake projects in collaboration with orchardists, viticulturists, farmers, horse owners, land managers as well as with industry partners and government bodies.

As we seek to enhance yields and returns for farmers and land managers, we also explore ways to be more resource-efficient and provide good outcomes for all.

Our program plays a vital role in raising awareness of responsible agricultural methods through a range of measures.

- Hands-on engagement with farmers and land managers to ensure the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.
- Access to real, practical information through a dedicated Knowledge Hub, industry newsletters, magazines and online publications to promote best practice and to ensure an understanding of the underlying principles of the Swan Region Strategy for Natural Resource Management.

- Regular industry-focused workshops providing knowledge and practical skills focusing on soil health, soil erosion and nutrient management, water and energy efficiency, weed and pest management. Conduct research projects and information extension activities such as the 'Action on The Ground' project to reduce Nitrogen Oxide emissions from tree crop and grape production systems.
- Help increase the capacity and confidence of regional community leaders, including women, young people, indigenous Australians and people from culturally diverse communities involved in agriculture.

Online resources

We provide a wide range of resources online such as information on best practice management methods, good agricultural practices, new initiatives, research outcomes and fact sheets.

For more information, visit:
www.perthregionnrm.com





How can you participate?

Farmers and land managers

Ask us how we can support you in making better decisions to maintain viable production and help improve outcomes for our environment.

Visit www.perthregionnrm.com to find out about our sustainable agriculture projects, upcoming workshops or to contact our program staff.

Corporate partnerships

Interested in quality food production, food security, agricultural research and other relevant issues? We can help you fulfil your social responsibility goals through collaboration with relevant partners on projects that assist you to deliver real benefits to your community. For more information, contact executive@perthregionnrm.com



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More information?

Call (08) 9374 3333 or visit www.perthregionnrm.com to find out more about our projects, contact our Sustainable Agriculture Program staff and to see what events you might like to attend.

