

Overview of food and agriculture challenges and performance in Australia (Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in Australia)

This chapter outlines the main challenges and opportunities for the food and agriculture sector of Australia, which will require innovation. It describes the overall economic, social and environmental context in which the sector operates, and the natural resource base upon which it relies. It provides an overview of the general geographical and economic characteristics of the country; and outlines the contribution of the agri-food system to the economy. It identifies the main structural characteristics of primary agricultural and upstream and downstream industries; describes the main food and agriculture outputs and markets; and reviews trends in agricultural productivity and sustainability.

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