



Farm Business Resilience Program and Pilot of Drought Reform Measures in WA

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Overview

How agencies work with farmers to address the complex interweave of issues such as ageing, climate change, farm succession, natural resource depletion, marketing and terms of trade was an integral component of the Farm Planning elements of the Pilot of Drought Reform Measures in WA. Farm Planning was designed and delivered by Curtin's Farm Business Resilience Program.

The overarching aim was to enable greater resilience and drought preparedness through strategic planning. As previous attempts had generally failed, a desired outcome was to trial novel approaches to engaging farm businesses, provide insights for future provision of agricultural extension by service agents and identify implications for government policy settings. Over 1,000 farm businesses from a wide mix of enterprise types, sizes and locations participated.



Outcomes

The Farm Business Resilience Program resulted in many unprecedented outcomes, including:

- Improved drought preparedness by participating businesses
- Elevated confidence in implementing a business plan
- Improved decision making
- Improved confidence in the future of farming
- New approaches to policy and governance in addressing climate change and other wicked problems in agriculture

