

Media Release



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VFF welcomes \$65m investment to boost Victorian agriculture

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) welcomes the Victorian Government's \$65m dollar investment into the future of Victorian agriculture and says the announcement supports a number of the VFF's budget priorities.

VFF President David Jochinke said the VFF has been advocating strongly for reinvestment in the Agriculture Energy Investment Plan and for further support for farmers to export produce.

"The \$30m investment into the Agriculture Energy Investment Plan is great news for Victorian farmers."

"In today's modern agriculture industry it's important to ensure farmers can take advantage of the benefits of on-farm renewable energy."

"Victorian farmers produce some of the world's best food and fibre."

"The \$20m boost for the Food to Market and Pathways to Export program will help deliver the infrastructure, business tools and resources needed to export Victorian produce around the globe," Mr Jochinke said.

Mr Jochinke said the funding further enhances the agriculture industry's ability to play major part in Victoria's economic recovery.

"Victoria is Australia's food bowl and we've seen just how resilient our industry is as we continue to overcome the many challenges 2020 throws at us."

"We are Australia's largest producer of food and fibre and the nation's largest exporter."

"Small business is vital to our economy and agriculture employs a huge amount of people and ranks among other industries number five by dollar value in Victoria."

"Alongside welcoming this funding, we still need continued investment into our industry and the commitment from Government to deliver key projects such as the Murray Basin Rail Project," Mr Jochinke said.

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