



Further Resources

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THIRD PARTY SPECIFICATIONS PROGRAMS

Freshcare Code of Practice Environmental

www.freshcare.com.au

The Freshcare Code of Practice Environmental (2nd Edition 2011) is an industry owned standard, describing the practices required on farm to provide assurance that produce has been grown and packed with care for the environment.

Freshcare endorsed certification bodies include (as of 30 September 2013):

Australian Certified Organic www.aco.net.au

Aus-Qual www.ausqual.com.au

NCS International Pty Ltd www.ncsifood.com

SCI-Qual International www.scoqual.com.au

SGS Systems & Services Certification www.au.sgs.com

Silliker Global Certification Services Pty Ltd www.certification.silliker.com

Globalgap

www.globalgap.org

The GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Standard covers all stages of production, from pre-harvest activities such as soil management and plant protection product application to post-harvest produce handling, packing and storing. Certified in Australia through approved bodies (as of 30 September 2013):

Aus-Qual www.ausqual.com.au

NCS International Pty Ltd www.ncsifood.com

SAI Global Certification Services Pty Ltd www.saiglobal.com

SCI-Qual International www.scoqual.com.au

SGS Systems & Services Certification www.au.sgs.com

LEAF

<http://www.leafuk.org/leaf/home.eb>

LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) Marque is a globally recognized, independently certified assurance scheme. It is based on Integrated Farm Management principles of sustainable farming. LEAF is a UK based organization working with farmers and organisations from around the world to promote sustainable food and farming. Certified in Australia through approved bodies (as of 30 September 2013 - SAI Global and Asure Quality Ltd).

Asure Quality Ltd <http://www.asurequality.com>

SAI Global Certification Services Pty Ltd www.saiglobal.com

OTHER LAND SECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS

Certified Land Management

<http://almg.org.au/index.htm>

The Australian Land Management Group's Certified Land Management (CLM) system helps land managers, industry organisations and natural resource management agencies improve environmental and animal welfare management and provides an independent verification of performance. Supported by foundation partner, Elders, CLM operates across industries on a whole-of-farm and landscape-linked basis. Based on myEMS software system.

Cotton Best Management Practice (BMP)

<https://www.mybmp.com.au/home.aspx> and <http://www.bmpcotton.com.au>

BMP is the Australian cotton industry's guide for growing cotton in harmony with the natural environment. It is a grower driven, voluntary farm management system that provides self-assessment mechanisms, practical tools and auditing processes to ensure that cotton is produced with best practice across a range of focus areas.

Dairying for Tomorrow

<http://www.dairyingfortomorrow.com.au>

The dairy environmental self-assessment tool, DairySAT, is the entry point. Dairy farmers also have access to two other tools - the Dairy Greenhouse Abatement Strategies calculator and the Farm Nutrient Loss Index.

Freshcare Environmental – Viticulture (2nd Edition, June 2011) and Winery (2nd Edition, 2013)

<http://www.wfa.org.au/entwineaustralia/>

The Freshcare Environmental Viticulture and Environmental Winery Codes of Practice are industry-owned codes that provide businesses with a tailor-made environmental management system specific to the processes involved with wine grape production and wine making. Links to 'Entwine Australia' the voluntary national environmental assurance program available to all Australian wine companies and grape growers.



Horticulture Australia

HORTICULTURE INDUSTRY**Australian Organic**

Supports Australian organic producers and maintains the Australian Certified Organic Standard 2013.
<http://austorganic.com>

Australian Society of Horticultural Science

Promotion and enhancement of Australian science and the horticulture industry.
<http://www.aushs.org.au>

Growcom

Provides representation, leadership and solutions for horticultural businesses in Queensland. Hosts and implements the Farm Management System/Farmcare training package. Modules available include water use efficiency, soil nutrient management, water quality, energy efficiency and sediment runoff.
www.growcom.com.au

Horticulture Australia Limited

Horticulture's research, development and extension corporation. Links to industry contacts, research priorities and research reports:
www.horticulture.com.au

Horticulture Industry Network

An initiative aimed at strengthening working partnerships between the Department of Environment and Primary Industries Victoria and the horticulture industry to deliver better services to farmers.
<http://www.hin.com.au>
<http://www.hin.com.au/resources/hort-service-finder> - The Hort Service Finder App (iOS) was built as a free service to help Australian horticultural growers to find horticultural service providers close to them.

Northern Territory Horticulture Association

The NT Horticultural Association along with the NT Agricultural Association are undergoing a process of amalgamation to form the: Northern Territory Farmers Association.
<http://www.ntha.com.au>

Organic Federation of Australia

Peak body for Australia's organic and biodynamic producers.
www.ofa.org.au

Protected Cropping Australia

Peak industry body representing commercial Australian hydroponic and greenhouse growers.
<http://www.protectedcroppingaustralia.com>

FARMER ORGANISATIONS

National Farmers Federation www.nff.org.au
 Northern Territory Farmers Federation www.ntfarmers.com
 NSW Farmers Association www.nswfarmers.org.au
 Queensland Farmers Federation www.qff.org.au
 South Australia Farmers Federation www.saff.org.au
 Tasmania Farmers and Graziers Association www.tfga.org.au
 Victorian Farmers Federation www.vff.org.au
 Western Australia Farmers Federation www.waff.org.au

OTHER RELATED ORGANISATIONS AND RESOURCES**ABC**

News, events and information for horticulture sector.
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/horticulture/>

Agricultural Links

Integrates international agriculture and livestock websites help you find agritourism, poultry, garden, production, farmer, goat, fodder crops, horticultural crop and more.
<http://www.agriculturallink.com>

Australian Food and Grocery Council

AFGC is the leading national organisation representing Australia's food, drink and grocery manufacturing industry. Links to sustainability commitments, reports and case studies:
<http://www.afgc.org.au/sustainability.html>

Australian Farm Institute

Independent farm policy research institute. Link to FarmGAS scenario tool:
<http://www.farminstitute.org.au>

Australian Government NRM knowledge repository

This repository is designed as an open access digital archive for publicly funded information derived from Australian Government investments in natural resource management activities.
<http://nrmonline.nrm.gov.au>



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Australian River Restoration Centre

A not-for-profit organisation that brings together people to work on river and knowledge sharing projects.
<http://arrc.com.au>

Australian Society of Agronomy

The Development of Ecological Performance Indicators for Sustainable Systems.
www.regional.org.au/au/asa/2001/4/c/kemp.htm

Bureau of Meteorology

Australia's national weather, climate and water agency.
www.bom.gov.au

CSIRO Plant Industry

Plant Industry promotes profitable and sustainable agrifood, fibre and horticultural industries, developing new plant products and improving how plants use natural resources through world-leading research.
<http://www.csiro.au/pi>

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Develops and implements policies and programs for Australia's agricultural, fisheries, food and forestry industries. Responsible for National Food Plan.
www.daff.gov.au

Department of Environment

Portal for Departments of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.
<http://www.environment.gov.au>
 For State and Territory links visit
<http://www.environment.gov.au/node/22763>

Farmsafe Australia

Farmsafe Australia Inc is an association of national agencies that share a common interest in Australian farm safety.
<http://farmsafe.org.au>

Federal Grants Link

Portal for information on available grants. For portal on agricultural grants:
<http://grantslink.gov.au/grants/grants.aspx?query=x:%22Agriculture%22&link-search=true>

Get Farming Australia

Free farming and agribusiness referral service.
<http://www.getfarming.com.au>

Greening Australia

Community owned organization for Australian landscapes. This website provides access to resources for vegetation management.
www.greeningaustralia.org.au/resources/resources

Landcare Australia

A national network of thousands of locally-based community groups who care for the natural resources of our country.
www.landcareonline.com.au

Ollie's Island

Ollie's Island is an interactive 'edu-tainment' program for middle school students that explores sustainable production and consumption.
<http://www.olliesworld.com/island/aus/index.htm>

QFVG (1998) Farmcare

Code of Practice for Sustainable Fruit and Vegetable Production in Queensland

State of the Environment reports

State of the Environment reporting occurs at both the national and state/territory level. Some regional-scale reporting also occurs in many areas throughout Australia. Latest report was completed in 2011.
<http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/science-and-research/state-environment-reporting>

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES**International Organization for Standardisation (ISO)**

<http://www.iso.org/iso/home.html%20>

The ISO 14000 family of environmental management standards that can be implemented in any type of organization in either public or private sectors. ISO14000 series should cooperate closely with the ISO 9000 - quality management and quality assurance standards. ISO 14001 is a widely used and understood international standard for environmental management practices, providing a rigorous system of accountabilities and an annual auditing schedule.

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) www.fao.org
 Sustainable Agriculture Initiative <http://www.saipatform.org>
 The Earth Charter Initiative <http://www.earthcharterinaction.org>
 Global Reporting Initiative <https://www.globalreporting.org/Pages/default.aspx>



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