

# Australia's Plant Health System

Collaboration between Industry, Government and Regulators

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## Presentation Overview:

- Australian Nursery Industry Statistics
- Government Arrangements – Why Australia is different?
- Greenlife Industry Australia's BioSecure HACCP Program
  - Co-regulated by Industry and Government
  - National Nursery Industry Biosecurity Program

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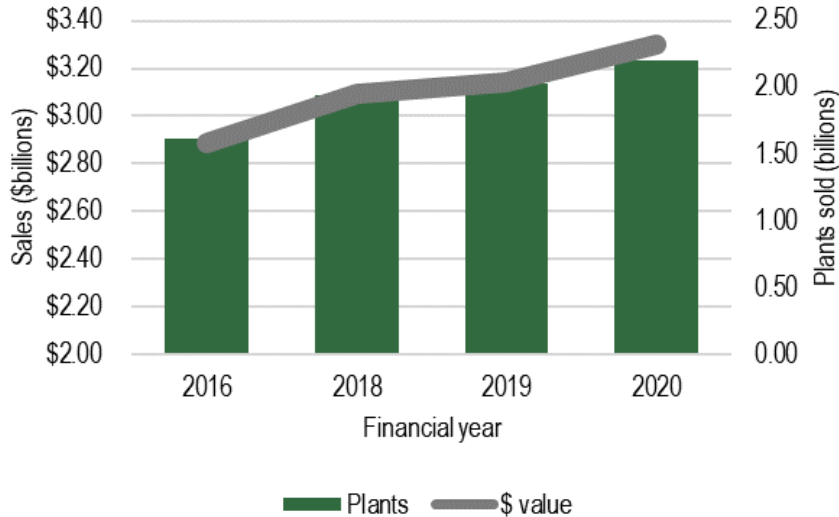
## Australian Nursery Industry Statistics:

- Annual survey of production nurseries
- July 2019 to June 2020 – financial year in Australia
- Nursery gate sales - \$2.6 billion
- Number of plants sold - 2.2 billion
- Turnover per hectare - \$440,000
- Key issues facing industry – Maintaining Demand, Productive Workforce, Water Security, Plant Biosecurity
- Grower confidence in future of industry – 90%

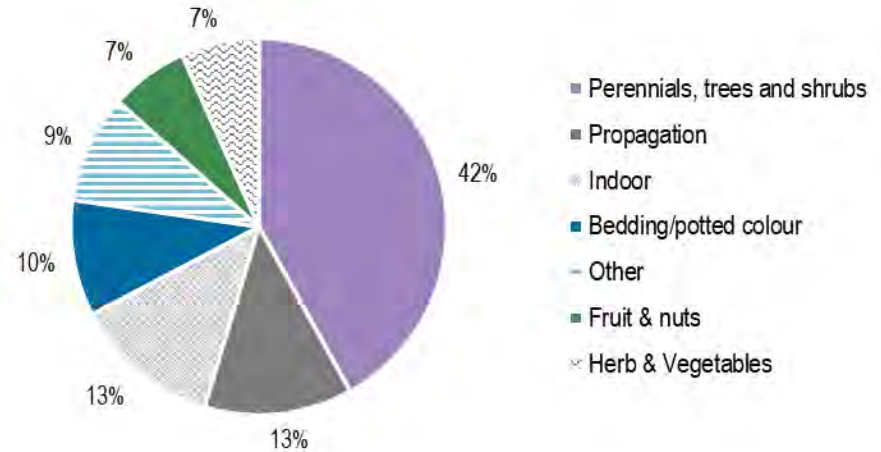
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## Australian Nursery Industry Statistics:

### Plant Sales – Value and Number



### Plant Sales – by product category



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## Government Arrangement:

- Two levels of Government across the international and national biosecurity continuum
- Nationally – Australian Government
  - Pre-border and border responsibility
  - Import and Export
- Domestically – 6 State and 2 Territory Governments
  - Post border
  - Intra and interstate market access
  - Usually, the lead Government agency in any emergency plant pest eradication

Commonwealth of Australia



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## Government Arrangements:

- Australia a signatory to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) – Pacific Plant Protection Organisation
- Australian Government negotiates all import and export phytosanitary requirements/obligations – aligned to adopted standards (ISPMs)
- Domestically the State and Territory Governments are signatories to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB) – sets the domestic structure:
  - National Biosecurity Committee (NBC)
    - Plant Health Committee (PHC)
      - Sub-committees e.g. market access, diagnostics, etc.

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## Government Arrangements:

### Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD)

- Plant Industry and Government Parties Signatories
  - Voluntary agreement for decision making and cost sharing
- Specifically established to manage stakeholder investment in decision making and funding for emergency plant pests
- **Plant Health Australia (PHA)** specifically established to coordinate this government-industry partnership
  - Custodian of the EPPRD and PlantPlan (Eradication Guide)
  - Review eradication responses and resolve EPPRD issues
  - Facilitate EPPRD changes/improvements



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## Greenlife Industry Australia – BioSecure HACCP

A Plant Protection and Biosecurity Systems Approach

Co-regulation (Government/Industry Partnership)

- National Approval– Plant Health Committee (PHC) November 2015
- State Approval – Sub-committee on Domestic Quarantine & Market Access (SDQMA) October 2014 – April 2015
  - Recognition of ‘high health’ status of certified growers
  - Harmonised approach to intra and interstate market access
- State Government Biosecurity Agencies provide oversight – biennial audits
- Initiating Federal Government recognition (import/export)





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## Greenlife Industry Australia – BioSecure HACCP

- BioSecure *HACCP* Guidelines
  - HACCP Tables (Hazards & Control Points)
  - Biosecurity Procedures - describe processes
  - Records and templates - recording processes
  - Entry Condition Compliance Procedures (ECCP's)
- Governance & Administration Framework
- BioSecure *HACCP* Terms & Conditions
- AMS (web-based Data and Audit Management System)



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## Greenlife Industry Australia – BioSecure HACCP

### Domestic Market Access:

- A business must be accredited under GIA Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme (NIASA) for best management practice (BMP) to apply for BioSecure HACCP
- Implement Relevant BioSecure HACCP Procedures and Records
- Upload completed records to the Audit Management System (AMS)
- BioSecure HACCP Certification awarded upon compliance with the manual
- Implement pest specific Entry Condition Compliance Procedures (ECCP's)



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**Thank You**

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