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Will Hodgman, Premier

Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Tasmanian agriculture continues to lead the nation

Today Premier Will Hodgman joined Primary Industries Minister Guy Barnett in congratulating Daly Potato Company for being named the Australian Farmer of the Year 2019.

''Tasmania is leading the country in so many ways, and now – for the fourth time since 2013 - a Tasmanian has won the Australian Farmer of the Year'', the Premier said.

''For more than 30 years, the Daly Potato Company has been using the natural advantages of Tasmania's South-East Coast to produce premium fresh potatoes and a range of high-quality, value-add potato products, as well as award-winning spirits. They are a great example of innovative Tasmanian agri-business success''.

Minister Barnett said the Government has been proud to support Daly Potato Company through initiatives such as Fine Food Sydney 2019, and inward buyer delegations, including the recent JA Biei delegation from Japan.

''Tasmanian agriculture is going from strength to strength with the latest Agri-Food scorecard showing ongoing growth in the primary industry sector, up 10.6 per cent to an annual value of $2.67 billion, as we continue to build on Tasmania's reputation for growing world class products. We remain on track to achieve our target to grow the farm gate value of agriculture to $10 billion by 2050'' Minister Barnett said.

''To ensure Tasmania's agriculture sector continues to thrive we have invested more than $100 million in the 2019-20 Budget to support numerous initiatives and delivered our Sustainable Agri-Food Plan 2019-23, our blueprint for continued growth.''

In addition, Daly Potato Company also received the 2019 Award for Excellence in Innovation, sponsored by Telstra.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to empowering businesses to take their products to the world. We will create further opportunities for our state and build industry capability so the Tasmanian economy continues to grow and create local jobs.