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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Primary Industries continue to grow

Our primary industries are a key pillar of the Tasmanian economy with the latest Agri-Food scorecard released today demonstrating an exceptional year, growing 10.6 per cent to an annual value of \$2.67 billion.

Tasmania's Agri-Food Scorecard 2017-2018 shows we have what the world wants and the Tasmanian brand is delivering real business outcomes, with record overseas food exports of \$740 million.

The report shows we are on track to grow the value of Tasmania's agriculture sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050, driving investment in regional areas and creating local jobs.

Agriculture accounted for \$1.6 billion of Tasmania's agri-food production with dairy, beef, fruit and major vegetable crops all recording strong export growth. Each of these products is benefiting from Tasmania's continued GMO free status, which provides access to premium markets across the globe.

To ensure Tasmania's agriculture and seafood sectors continue to thrive, today we launched our Sustainable Agri-Food Plan 2019-23, which is our blueprint for continued growth.

The Government is committed to continuing a range of initiatives to help deliver great agri-business opportunities and jobs growth across every region.

We are supporting and protecting Tasmanian farmers and fishers with additional investment in areas including our biosecurity systems, research and innovation, farm productivity, new market development, reducing on-farm energy costs and the ongoing roll out of irrigation schemes across the state.

The 2017-18 Agri-Food Scorecard can be viewed online at: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/scorecards

Tasmania's Sustainable Agri-Food Plan 2019-23 can be viewed online at: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/agrifoodplan