

Dried Grape Fund

Annual Investment Plan

2025/26



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Proposed investments in 2025/26

A list of proposed R&D and marketing investments in the Dried Grape Fund in 2025/26 can be found below. Each year, dried grape industry representatives meet as an advisory panel to discuss investment recommendations in line with the Dried Grape Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). At these meetings, the panel is provided with a financial forecast and an investment analysis of current investments. Based on this information, they provide Hort Innovation with advice on priorities for investment for the upcoming year.

The dried grape R&D and marketing advisory panel met on July 30, 2024, September 18, 2024 and January 22, 2025 to discuss, provide advice on, and prioritise recommendations on investments in 2025/26. The R&D investment recommendation is listed in Table 1 and the marketing investment recommendation is listed in Table 2.

Note: Investments will be aligned to form multi-industry projects where possible, and all investments are subject to funding availability. If investments do not occur in this financial year, they will be reconsidered and reprioritised for the Dried Grape Annual Investment Plan (AIP) 2026/27. Any investments not endorsed by June 30, 2025, will not be included in this report.

Table 1. Dried Grape R&D advisory panel prioritised investment recommendation in 2025/26

Priority	Investment	Outcome	Strategy
1	Dried grape production systems	1. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	1.1 Commercialisation activities

Table 2. Dried Grape marketing advisory panel investment recommendation in 2025/26

Priority	Investment	Outcome	Strategy
1	Dried grape strategic marketing 3-year plan	1. Demand creation	1. Consumer demand

Current contracted R&D and marketing projects

Current contracted projects in the Dried Grape Fund as at July 1, 2025, which are aligned to the respective outcomes and strategies in the Dried Grape SIP, can be seen in Tables 3 and 4. More information about these projects is available on the Hort Innovation website where the projects have a hyperlink.

Table 3. Current contracted dried grape R&D project actuals at 2024/25 and forecast to 2027/28

Project code	Project title	2024/25 Actual \$	2025/26 Forecast \$	2026/27 Forecast \$	2027/28 Forecast \$
DG19000	Dried grape scion and rootstock evaluation program	20,000	20,000	-	-
DG21000	Dried grape production innovation and adoption program 2021-2026	35,000	229,000	40,000	-
DG22000	Dried grape industry communications program	20,000	160,000	87,520	-
DG23910	Industry and grower consultation including SIAPs and EAPs	36	-	-	-
DG24910	Industry and grower consultation including SIAPs and EAPs	1,400	-	-	-
MT21004	Consumer behavioural data program	-6,203	-	-	-
MT21015	Horticulture Impact Assessment Program 2020/21 to 2022/23	521	-	-	-
MT22005	Horticulture trade data	807	-	-	-
MT23201	Consumer usage and attitude tracking 2023/24	-	-	-	-
MT24005	Horticulture Impact Assessment Program 2023/24 to 2025/26	308	205	256	-
Total		71,869	409,205	127,776	-

Table 4. Current contracted dried grape marketing project actuals at 2024/25 and forecast to 2027/28

Project code	Project title	2024/25 Actual \$	2025/26 Forecast \$	2026/27 Forecast \$	2027/28 Forecast \$
DG24501	Dried grape 3-year strategic export marketing plan	82,000	68,000	130,000	130,000
DG24910	Industry and grower consultation including SIAPs and EAPs	1,100	-	-	-
Total		83,100	68,000	130,000	130,000

Financial statements

Financial statements for the dried grape R&D levy fund can be seen in Table 5 below, and the marketing levy fund can be seen in Table 6.

Table 5. Dried grape R&D levy fund actuals at 2024/25 and forecast to 2027/28 (as at July 1, 2025)

	2024/25 Actual \$	2025/26 Forecast \$	2026/27 Forecast \$	2027/28 Forecast \$
Opening balance	1,304,281	1,624,007	1,176,249	991,285
Levies from growers	316,108	200,640	212,135	176,000
Commonwealth funds	42,816	679,225	421,402	350,242
Other income	55,124	39,777	33,522	28,264
Total income	414,048	919,642	667,059	554,506
Project funding ¹	71,869	640,147	207,366	87,916
Available for investment	-	500,000	500,000	500,000
Service delivery	13,763	218,303	135,439	112,568
Total matched expenditure	85,632	1,358,450	842,805	700,484
Federal Government levy collection costs	8,689	8,950	9,218	9,495
Annual levy cash movement	319,727	-447,758	-184,964	-155,472
Closing balance	1,624,007	1,176,249	991,285	835,813

Note:

1. Project funding includes committed projects and projects supported by the advisory panel and currently in the process of procurement.

Table 6. Dried grape marketing levy fund actuals at 2024/25 and forecast to 2027/28 (as at July 1, 2025)

	2024/25 Actual \$	2025/26 Forecast \$	2026/27 Forecast \$	2027/28 Forecast \$
Opening balance	337,610	380,821	368,323	296,254
Levies from growers	139,697	105,070	127,680	134,995
Other income	12,523	12,523	7,366	5,925
Total income	152,220	117,593	135,046	140,920
Project funding ¹	83,100	70,000	132,000	132,000
Available for investment	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Service delivery	19,976	24,039	38,943	38,943
Total expenditure	103,076	124,039	200,943	200,943
Federal Government levy collection costs	5,933	6,052	6,173	6,297
Annual levy cash movement	43,211	-12,498	-72,069	-66,319
Closing balance	380,821	368,323	296,254	229,935

Note:

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