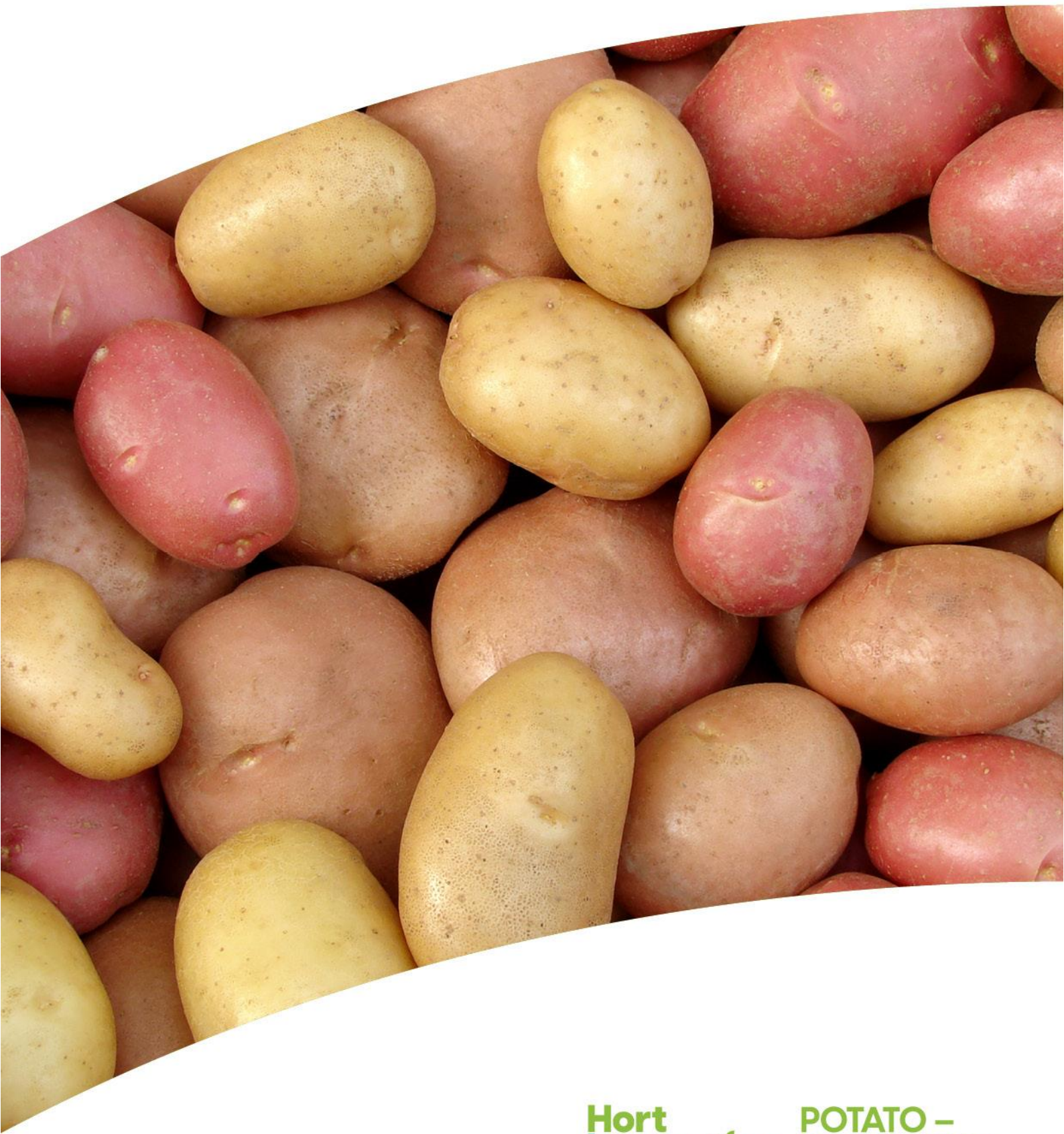


Potato – Fresh Fund Annual Investment Plan 2023/24



Proposed investments in 2023/24

A list of proposed R&D investments in the Potato – Fresh Fund in 2023/24 can be found below. Each year, potato – fresh industry representatives meet as advisory panels to discuss investment recommendations in line with the potato – fresh Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). At these meetings, the panels are 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 potato – fresh R&D advisory panel met on April 20, 2023, to discuss, provide advice on, and prioritise recommendations on investments in 2023/24. The R&D investment recommendations are listed in order of priority in Table 1.

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 potato – fresh Annual Investment Plan (AIP) 2024/25.

Table 1. Potato – fresh R&D advisory panel prioritised investment recommendations in 2023/24

Priority	Investment	Outcome	Strategy
1	World Potato Congress 2024	1. Extension and capability	O1S1. Extension capability O1S2. Engagement to innovate
2	One Survey - Reducing grower surveys across vegetable (and other) levy funded projects	5. Enabler	O5S1. Enabler
3	Fight Food Waste CRC	2. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	O2S2. Precision input management
NA	PT22001-Independent mid-term review of PT20000 - Potato Industry communication and extension program (<i>bypassed advice noted by SIAP</i>)	1. Extension and capability 2. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	O1S1. Extension capability O1S2. Engagement to innovate O2S3. Industry Leadership O2S1. IPDM O2S2. Precision input management
NA	Industry Preparedness for Exotic Root Nematode (<i>bypassed advice noted by SIAP</i>)	2. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	O2S3. Biosecurity preparedness

Current contracted R&D projects

Current contracted projects in the Potato – Fresh Fund as at July 1, 2023, which are aligned to the respective outcomes and strategies in the potato – fresh SIP, can be seen in Table 2. More information about these projects is available on the Hort Innovation website where the projects have a hyperlink.

Table 2. Current contracted R&D project actuals at 2022/23 and forecast to 2025/26

Project code	Project title	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Forecast	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Forecast
HA19007	PBRI Phase 2	800			
MT18005	Improving plant industry access to new genetics through faster and more accurate diagnostics using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)	9,900			
MT18008	National TPP & Zebra Chip Surveillance	80,235			
MT20005	Management strategy for serpentine Leafminer	104,809	34,837		
MT20007	Regulatory Support & response Coordination	3,352	1,676	2,514	
MT21003	Consumer Demand Spaces	4,075			
MT21004	Consumer Behavioral Retail Data	13,501	13,172	13,172	13,172
MT21006	Horticulture Statistics Handbook 2021/22 to 2023/24	2,083	2,083	7,583	
MT21007	Seasonal horticulture labour accommodation study	3,310			
MT21010	Economic contribution of Australian Horticulture	321			
MT21015	Horticulture impact assessment program 2020/21 to 2022/23	2,657	2,657	3,188	
MT21016	Feasibility/scoping study: Surveillance and diagnostic framework for detecting soil-borne pathogens in vegetable industries	18,200	12,303		
MT21202	Consumer Usage & Attitude Tracking - FY22/23		1,253		
MT22002	People Development Strategy	15,270	3,817		
MT22005	Horticultural Trade Data 2022-2025	1,473	1,524	1,577	

Project code	Project title	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Forecast	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Forecast
MT22012	Industry Preparedness for exotic root knot nematode (<i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i>)	-	13,000	13,000	
PT16005	Minor Use Permits	-	228	228	
PT17003	Mechanisms and manipulation of resistance to powdery scab in Potato Roots	77,726			
PT19000	Real time modelling of soil-borne disease deivers for improved control	25,781			
PT19003	The Australian Potato Growers manual	15,239			
PT20000	Communication and Industry Adoption program	239,512	239,512	226,125	125,625
PT22000	Technical workshops for potato pest and disease investments	8,918			
PT22001	Independent mid-term review of PT20000 - Potato Industry communication and extension program	7,500	17,500		
PT23000	World Potato Congress 2024		61,913		
PU19002	A review of the international research on the effects of potato consumption on health	-	228	228	
ST17000	Generation of data for pesticide application in horticulture	-16			
ST18003	Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative - PBRI Program	-	1,100	1,100	1,100
ST21007	Australia Horticulture International Demand Creation	7,313			
ST22001	Generation of Data - Crop Protection 2022		14,490		
VG16078	Soil wealth and integrated crop protection - Phase 2	22,447			
Total		664,486	421,065	268,487	139,897

Financial statements

Financial statements for the R&D levy fund can be seen in Table 3 below.

View the current and most up-to-date financial statements for the Potato – Fresh Fund at the Hort Innovation website [here](#).

Table 3. Potato – fresh R&D levy fund actuals at 2022/23 and forecast to 2025/26 (as at July 1, 2023)

	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Forecast	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Forecast
Opening Balance	840,156	1,123,931	747,855	478,127
Levies from growers	647,618	645,000	650,000	650,000
Commonwealth funds	390,727	1,012,076	910,667	795,823
Other Income	39,156	4,000	4,200	4,410
Total Income	1,077,501	1,661,076	1,564,867	1,450,233
Project funding ¹	664,485	813,980	661,584	476,349
Available for Investment	-	850,000	830,000	820,000
Grower consultation and advice	3,565	56,550	56,550	56,550
Service delivery	113,404	303,623	273,200	238,747
Total matched expenditure	781,454	2,024,153	1,821,334	1,591,646
Closing Balance	1,123,931	747,855	478,127	323,189
Federal Government levy collection costs	12,272	13,000	13,260	13,525

Note:

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

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