

# Blueberry Fund Annual Investment Plan 2023/24



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## Proposed investments in 2023/24

A list of proposed R&D investments in the Blueberry Fund in 2023/24 can be found below. Each year, blueberry industry representatives meet as advisory panels to discuss investment recommendations in line with the blueberry 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 Blueberry R&D advisory panel met for out-of-session advice on 14 August 2023 to 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 blueberry Annual Investment Plan (AIP) 2024/25.*

**Table 1. Blueberry R&D advisory panel prioritised investment recommendations in 2023/24**

Priority	Investment	Outcome	Strategy
*	Strategic Agrichemical Review Process (SARP) 2023 updates	2. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	O2S11. SARP
*	Chemical Residue Report to Support Australia's Country Recognition Arrangement (CRA) with Indonesia	2. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	O2S3. Market Access
1	Multi-industry Berry Trade Development and Market Access Project (2023-2028)	1. Demand creation	O2S2. Export readiness O2S3. Market access O2S4. Market development
2	Understanding the Cause of Blueberry Root Wrapping & Associated Root-Crown Disorders	2. Industry supply, productivity and sustainability	O2S7. Sustainability

Note \* This is a foundational investment required to support data generation of agricultural permits and therefore does not require advice.

## Current contracted R&D projects

Current contracted projects in the Blueberry Fund as at July 1, 2023, which are aligned to the respective outcomes and strategies in the blueberry 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	2022/2023 Actual	2023/24 Forecast	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Forecast
BB19001	Additional cold treatment schedule for Queensland Fruit Fly in Blueberries for market access to China	23,513	47,027		
<a href="#">BB21000</a>	Blueberry industry minor use permit program	3,150	13,000	13,000	13,000
<a href="#">MT18020</a>	Facilitating the development of the Australian berry industries	123,072	70,948		
<a href="#">MT18004</a>	Review of the biosecurity plan for the berry sector		42,000	7,000	7,996
<a href="#">MT19009</a>	BerryQuest International 2022	7,333			
<a href="#">MT20004</a>	Joint berry export trade development	42,874	189,419		
<a href="#">MT21000</a>	Health and nutrition information for the berry industry	35,940	74,374		
<a href="#">MT21003</a>	Consumer Demand Spaces for Horticulture	500			
<a href="#">MT21004</a>	Consumer behavioural data program	10,362	10,161	10,161	10,161
MT21007	Seasonal Horticulture Labour Accommodation Study	2,567			
<a href="#">MT22007</a>	Expansion of flies as berry crop pollinators	102,555	64,365	64,365	81,510
<a href="#">MT22010</a>	Facilitating the development of the Australian berry industries		358,933	179,467	179,467
<a href="#">ST21007</a>	Australian horticulture international demand creation	7,313			
<b>Total</b>		<b>359,179</b>	<b>870,228</b>	<b>273,993</b>	<b>292,134</b>

## 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 Blueberry Fund at the Hort Innovation website [here](#).

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

	<b>2022/23 Actual</b>	<b>2023/24 Forecast</b>	<b>2024/25 Forecast</b>	<b>2025/26 Forecast</b>
Opening Balance	-37,058	377,127	73,103	126,897
Levies from growers	618,750	275,000	275,000	275,000
Commonwealth funds	213,289	586,566	222,668	233,469
Other Income	8,723	7,543	1,462	2,538
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>840,762</b>	<b>869,109</b>	<b>499,130</b>	<b>511,007</b>
Project funding <sup>1</sup>	359,179	975,197	363,993	382,134
Available for Investment	-	-	-	-
Grower consultation and advice	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Service delivery	67,399	187,936	71,343	74,803
<b>Total matched expenditure</b>	<b>426,578</b>	<b>1,173,132</b>	<b>445,336</b>	<b>466,937</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>377,127</b>	<b>73,103</b>	<b>126,897</b>	<b>170,966</b>
Federal Government levy collection costs	-	-	-	-

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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