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Agricultural statistics modernisation

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Found that current system does not meet the needs of an increasingly data driven society.

This has resulted from:

- Increasing respondent burden, primarily on farmers
- Declining quality and availability of statistics produced
- Inadequate quality and availability of statistical infrastructure
- Poor coordination and governance arrangements

Roadmap to improve the agricultural statistics system

1. Consolidation of collections
2. Alternative data sources and collections methods
3. Future collection methods and data sources
4. Stakeholder engagement

Transformation benefits

- Reduce respondent burden and system costs
- Improve timeliness, accuracy and detail of available data
- Fill information gaps
- Encourage greater use of data for decision making and adoption of digital technologies on farm
- Enable more detailed analysis to improve decision making

Making the plan a reality

Improving data a no brainer...

- Significant investment in information systems across government and industry

However, investments are uncoordinated...

- Risking duplication and further fragmentation
- Does not address systemic issues

How do we build a collaborative approach?



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