Release of List of Agricultural Farm Businesses to Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences

In accordance with the requirements of section 14 of the Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018, made under section 13 of the Census and Statistics Act 1905, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows:

The ABS has disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) a list of de-identified farm businesses taken from the Australian Business Register (ABR) based ABS Business Register, and will subsequently disclose contact details for a selection of those farm businesses.

The list will be used for the purpose of designing and selecting samples for the following ABARES farm surveys: 2021 Australian Agricultural and Grazing Industries Survey (AAGIS); 2021 Australian Dairy Industry Survey (ADIS); and 2021 Murray-Darling Basin Irrigation Survey (Irrigation).

For each business in the list, the ABS provided:

- a measure of size based on the estimated value of agricultural operations where available or Standardised Business Activity Statement derived size identifier
- one or more geographic codes (ASGS), down to SA1 level
- latitude and longitude as a geographic identifier
- an industry classification code (ANZSIC)
- a set of secondary activity indicators, where available
- a unique identifying number (concorded to identifying numbers provided in previous years for the purposes of sampling methodology)

The ABS will also provide, contact details for farm businesses selected by ABARES for the above surveys, including, contact name, address, and telephone numbers.

John Shepherd

General Manager

Industry Statistics Division

28 May 2021