Plant Biosecurity just goes with the Territory

Sarah Corcoran
Population 245,657

One sixth of Australia's Land Mass 1,348,199km²
4.1 AGRIBUSINESS

Northern Territory Government estimate of agricultural production
$606 million

50% of Australian mango production grown in the NT
NT Farmers Association, 2015

125 mango growers produce

2.3 million head of cattle on 896,091 km²
which is 45% of NT land mass on 223 pastoral leases including 20 Aboriginal businesses on pastoral properties

4 million trays of mangos
NT Farmers Association, 2015

$88.5 million
NT Farmers Association estimate of GVP of mangos grown in NT, 2015

1700 jobs in agriculture, forestry and fishing
Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016

$1 billion
NT Cattlemen’s Association estimate of value of the beef cattle industry

$244.4 million
NT Farmers Association estimate of Gate Value of Production (GVP) of farming industries for 2015

$28.5 million
Northern Territory Government estimate of the value of other livestock, including crocodile production

$81.5 million
Northern Territory Government estimate of the value of commercial fisheries and aquaculture industry

$12.5 million
spend on packaging for produce
NT Farmers Association, 2015

$80 million
in wages per year
NT Farmers Association, 2015

5000 freight vans
transport farming produce worth $25 million to southern states each year
NT Farmers Association, 2015

Plant-based industries used:
NT Farmers Association estimate the value of plant industries at $244.4 million annual production at the farm gate.
Mango exports to the US expected to double, with Northern Territory fruit to be sent for first time

Confirming agricultural development ties with Japan

Northern Territory mangoes heading to Korea

Northern Territory mangoes attract strong demand from Asian importers
Water Melon
Honeydew Melon
Rock Melons
Pineapples
Cucumber
Tomatoes
Custard Apples
Asian Vegetables
Custard Apples
Jackfruit
Pitaya (Dragon Fruit)
Passionfruit
Grapefruit
Basil. Asian Greens
Egg Plant
Chinese Cabbage, Buk Choy, Wombok
Mango
Carambola (Starfruit)
Banana
Heliconia (Cut Flower)

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Commodities grown throughout the Northern Territory regions

- Water Melon
- Honeydew Melon
- Rock Melon
- Cantaloupe
- Tomatoes
- Grapefruit
- Carambola (Starfruit)
- Sandalwood
- Mango
- Hay

Northern Territory mango trees buckle under weight of fruit, with early season harvest underway.

Northern Territory mango growers on track for good season.
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN HORTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The iconic Central Australian landscape, from Tennant Creek to the South Australian border, is a vast area of incredible landscapes. There are areas in this region where soil, climate and water coincide that are ripe for developing plant industries.

Small, local horticultural enterprises already grow melons, dates, mangoes, table grapes, fodder, bush foods and vegetables with opportunities for development in stone fruit, pomegranates, nuts and expansion of existing commodities.

Research and demonstrations at the Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) and on local properties are being conducted into the potential for new cultivars of table grapes, dates, fodder, bush foods and vegetables.

Market opportunities are being investigated for the right produce that coincides with the right soil, water and climatic conditions for optimal growth. The supply of this high quality, technical and market information may assist to lower the risk for potential investors.

Northern Territory Government Departments, Industry and Stakeholders are working together to develop these opportunities in a sustainable way.

To learn more or participate in the program - contact the Central Australian Horticultural Development Project team at AZRI on 08 8951 8106.

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July 2013
Banana Freckle

September 2014
Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus

June 2015
Lepisiota frauenfeldi
(Browsing Ant)

July 2015
Asian Honey Bee

November 2015
Monomorium dichromum
Long distance natural (wind-assisted) dispersal of exotic pests and pathogens into Australia
Healthy Peanuts

Severe defoliation due to Leaf Spots

Healthy Potatoes

Potato blight
The objectives of the Plant Biosecurity Branch include:

- Plant Health Policy and Legislation
- Plant Pest and Disease Surveillance
- Market Access
- Emergency preparedness and response
### NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

#### PLANT HEALTH ACT

As in force at 1 May 2015

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#### PLANT HEALTH REGULATIONS

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TPP
Top 42 National Priority Plant Pests and Diseases

HLB
Xylella
Varroa Mite
Surveillance

Fruit Fly Traps

STOP THE SPREAD OF FRUIT FLY

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE HOME GROWN PRODUCE INTO THE HORTICULTURAL AREA.

BE FRUIT FLY AWARE.
200 Enquiries over 12 months

Householders

Producers

Pest Controllers

Mango

Pineapple

Melons

Avocado

Snake Bean

Mung Bean

Native and Weed Species
Table grapes and mangoes valued at more than $5 million per year.
Queensland Fruit Fly response

- Horticultural production areas in Ti Tree and Rocky Hill are declared fruit fly exclusion zones.

- In January 2017 Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) was detected in both Ti Tree and Rocky Hill and an eradication program was initiated.

- An outbreak was declared and eradication procedures implemented

- In mid-July area the successful eradication of QFF from Ti Tree and Rocky Hill and reinstatement of area freedom
Ti Tree fruit fly exclusion zone

Ti Tree is a declared fruit fly free zone. It is vital the area remains free of fruit fly to allow continued access to interstate markets. The horticulture production in Ti Tree is valued at more than $5 million per year.

Thank you to Ti Tree residents and growers who helped eradicate Queensland fruit fly from the area in 2017.

You can help keep Ti Tree fruit fly free.

How can you help?
- Pick up and dispose of all fruit from the ground.
- Remove all ripe fruit from trees or plants.
- Double bag fruit and leave in the sun for two days, then dispose in general rubbish.
- Report anything suspicious or unusual plant pests.
- Do not bring any fruit trees outside into the fruit fly free zone.

About fruit flies
- Queensland fruit fly is native to northern Australia and is a major horticultural pest.
- They can affect a broad range of fruit and can easily spread across long distances.
- Fruit flies are highly attracted to ripe and overripe fruit.

Monitoring
Fruit fly traps are regularly checked for Queensland fruit fly around horticulture properties in Ti Tree. Those areas are maintained as fruit fly free zones and are vital to growers in the area so they can trade local horticulture produce to interstate markets.

By working together we can all support our local horticulture industry and maintain the Territory’s reputation for providing clean and green produce.

Biosecurity is everyone’s responsibility.
Report plant pests to 1800 084 881.

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Procedures for Northern Territory

ICA number | Required documents | Version | Date
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NTICA 1 | Dipping with Dimethoate or Fenthion | 6.0 | 18-05-2014
NTICA 2 | Flood Spraying with Dimethoate or Fenthion | 6.0 | 18-05-2014
NTICA 6 | Certification of Hard Green Condition of Bananas | 6.0 | 27-05-2014
NTICA 8 | Mature Green Condition and Immature Green Condition of Papaya and | 3.0 | 25-05-2014
| Bananas | | | |
NTICA 10 | Hot Water Treatment of Mangos | 6.0 | 25-05-2014
NTICA 12 | Unbroken Skin Condition of Approved Fruits | 6.0 | 21-05-2014
NTICA 15 | Mature Green Condition of Passionfruit, Tabelian Limes and Black Sapotes | 5.0 | 02-05-2015
NTICA 16 | Certification of Mature Green Condition of Bananas | 6.0 | 18-04-2015
NTICA 18 | Treatment and Inspection of Mangos | 5.0 | 01-05-2014
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| | Certification of Area or Property Freedom Based on Monitoring by the | | |
| | Accrediting Authority | 4.0 | 06-09-2014
| | Application for area or property freedom | | |
NTICA 23 | Pre-Harvest Treatment and Post-Harvest Inspection of Tomatoes, | 3.0 | 10-09-2014
| | Cactus, Chillies and Aloe Plant | | |
NTICA 29 | Treatment of Nursery Stock and Sets less Media | 5.0 | 19-09-2014
NTICA 36 | Inspection and Treatment of Plants for Sprailing Whitfly | 2.0 | 14-09-2014
| | Inspection of Fruits and Vegetables (Post Harvest), Live Plants, Cut | 2.0 | 06-09-2014
| | Flowers and Foliage for Melen Thrips | | |
| | Inspecting harvested fruit and veg for maleen thrips | 2.0 | 08-09-2014
| | Inspecting plants for maleen thrips | | |
| | Inspecting cut flowers and foliage for maleen thrips | | |
NTICA 54 | Inspection of Used Vehicles and Associated Equipment | 2.0 | 07-09-2014

Application for Accreditation of a Business for an Interstate Certification Assurance (ICA) Arrangement

Tick each box that describes your business and the ICA arrangement and provide specific details where required. Only one ICA arrangement, that is one Operational Procedure at one Facility, may be included in one application.

Indicate the type of application being made: [ ] New [ ] Amendment

(a) Type of Ownership of Business
- Individual
- Incorporated Company
- Partnership
- Cooperative Association
- Other [ ]

(b) Name of Applicants
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]

(c) Trading Name of the Business (as shown on packages sent to market)
- [ ]

(d) Address of the business
- Telephone: [ ]
- Facsimile: [ ]
- Mobile: [ ]

(e) Has the business been registered previously for the interstate movement of produce? [ ] Yes [ ] No

(f) If yes, give the business's interstate Produce (P) Number

2. Operational Procedure and Facility Details

(a) Operational Procedure used in this ICA arrangement
- Reference No.
- Title of Operational Procedure

(b) Street address of the facility
- Telephone: [ ]
- Facsimile: [ ]
- Mobile: [ ]

3. Authorised Signatories (for Assurance Certification)

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Application for Accreditation: PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM AS WELL

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Grapevine materials

Potatoes

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Turf

Moving Soil

Plant Material for Diagnostic or Laboratory Testing

Harvesters

Ploughs

Compactors

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Dozers

Dump Trucks

Shovels

Pruning Shears

Picking Poles

Bins and Bin lids
PERMIT TO ALLOW MINOR USE OF AN AGVET CHEMICAL PRODUCT
FOR POSTHARVEST TREATMENT OF
SPECIFIED CITRUS & TROPICAL FRUIT TO CONTROL
VARIOUS FRUIT FLY SPECIES

PERMIT NUMBER – PER13158

This permit is issued to the Permit Holder in response to an application granted by the APVMA under section 312 of the Agvet Code of the provisions set out below. This permit allows a person, as stipulated below, to use the product in the manner specified in this permit in the designated production(s). This permit also allows any person to claim that the product can be used in the manner specified in this permit.

THIS PERMIT IS IN FORCE FROM 4 OCTOBER 2011 to 5 OCTOBER 2017

Permit Holder:
QUEENSLAND FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS
Trading as GROWCOM AUSTRALIA
61 Addison Street
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

Persons who can use the product under this permit:
Persons who are trained or experienced in the preparation and use of agricultural chemical products in postharvest chemical application techniques.
National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement

Schedule Q

National Browsing Ant
Northern Territory Eradication Programme 2015-16 to 2017-18

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The Northern Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia agree to the Northern Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (Framework Agreement), the

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National Cost Shared Agreement

Inkind Contribution

Reporting

National Meetings
Banana disease found in the NT

Timeline: Banana Freckle eradication, exotic disease disaster unfolds for Australian banana industry

ABC Rural, By Matt Brann
Updated 27 August 2013 at 3:19 pm
First posted 27 August 2013 at 11:03 am

Several hobby farms near Darwin in the Northern Territory have been placed under quarantine after a damaging fungal disease was detected in some banana plantations.

The Territory's Department of Primary Industry (NTDPI) says it's the first time in Australia the disease known as Banana Freckle has been detected on the popular Cavendish variety.

Plant health manager Stephen West says the disease damages both the fruit and the leaves, and is a serious threat to the Top End's banana industry.

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Banana industry back in business in NT after freckle fungus disaster

Landline, By Elaine Schutz
Posted 13 Nov 2013, 8:14 am

Farmers in the Northern Territory are planting bananas again after being forced to pull out every plant they had a few years ago.

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Pinata to establish banana crop, two years after Top End plantations were destroyed

Landline, By Liza Herbin
Updated 5 December 2013 at 10:06 am
First posted 5 December 2013 at 10:17 am

Pinata to establish banana crop, two years after Top End plantations were destroyed

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Phase One

500,000 Banana Plants

9,500 Properties

Backyard Banana Plant

Freckle fight into Phase Two

15th Jun 2015 3:42 PM

Banana Industry thanks the Northern Territory for its efforts to eradicate Banana Freckle Disease

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Phase Three

Banana freckle eradication program

Banana freckle restrictions lifted as NT Government declares Top End free of disease

Banana industry back in business in NT after freckle fungus disaster

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Biosecurity and bananas in the Northern Territory

Territorians are now able to purchase banana plants from local nurseries without a permit*

*It remains prohibited to move banana plants into or out of the NT without a permit. A permit is also required to export banana plant-related material (e.g. fruit and bulbs) from the NT.

Please check your banana plants regularly for any signs of banana freckle or other pests or diseases – and avoid moving or sharing plants.

Report suspected pests or banana freckle
1800 771 163

Identification of banana freckle
Please check your banana plants for banana freckle. Infected plants have dark, raised sand-paper like blemishes on the leaves or fruit.

12 April 2017

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND RESOURCE
NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Genetically modified banana trial to return to Northern Territory in hope of finding variety resistant to Panama TR4

A trial of genetically modified bananas at Darnley in the Northern Territory has been halted due to a financial cut. The trial was investigating varieties that could resist Panama TR4, a disease that has devastated banana crops worldwide.

The trial was one of several around the world aimed at developing banana varieties that could resist the disease. However, funding for the project was cut by the Northern Territory government, which has led to the trial being halted.

Scientists involved in the trial have expressed disappointment at the decision. They say that the trial was making progress and that it was too soon to give up on the research.

Meanwhile, banana growers in the region are continuing to deal with the impact of Panama TR4. The disease has caused major losses in the industry, and growers are looking for new ways to resist the disease and ensure the sustainability of their crops.

The Northern Territory government has announced that it will continue to support banana research in the region, and that it is committed to finding a solution to the disease.

Related story: NT nursery back on track after banana freckle eradication program

The chief executive of the Australian Banana Growers' Council (ABGC) is in Darwin to see the ongoing banana freckle eradication program, and says the wider industry is grateful for the work being done.

He said the program was an important step in ensuring the sustainability of the industry, and that it was important to continue to make progress in the fight against the disease.

The program involves the use of traps and monitoring to detect any outbreaks of the disease, and the early detection of outbreaks can help to prevent the spread of the disease.

The ABGC is working closely with the Northern Territory government and other stakeholders in the industry to ensure that the eradication program is successful.
Biosecurity protecting our environment
Browsing Ant – *Lepisiota frauenfeldi*

**PHOTO:** Browsing ants are found in Timor Leste and Malaysia and are ideally suited to Australian conditions.
(Supplied: Pia Scamih, WA Agriculture Authority, 2015-15)
Zombie NT ants lured by beer

ASHLEY MANICAROS, NT News
October 17, 2015 2:00am
National Browsing Ant Eradication Program

Keep an eye out for Browsing Ants!

Foreign ant bio threat shuts down parts of Darwin Port

Detector dogs sniff out Browsing Ants
National Browsing Ant Eradication Program

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-17

Collected and processed 6,515 ant samples
Surveys completed on 417 properties
Undertaken surveys of road verges to East Arm Port
Key barge landings surveyed with NAQS collaboration
Surveillance of the Darwin Railway Corridor
No new infested premises identified since April 2017
National Browsing Ant Eradication Program

Implementation:

• surveillance to detect/monitor infestations
• treatment to eradicate infestations
• tracing to delineate high risk areas
• compliance to minimise the risk of human-assisted spread
National Browsing Ant Eradication Program

Aug-Sep 2017 field surveillance by odour detection dog ‘Willow’ and her handler from the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program

ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDED:

- Surveillance of 11 IP’s
- Positive identification and location of 3 remnant BA colonies at recent IP’s
- Strong evidence towards Proof of Freedom for 6 properties approaching two years free of browsing ant
Willow’s elite talent saving us from invaders

Willow the labrador can sniff out a single browsing ant from about seven metres away.

She’s part of an elite team helping rid the Territory of the invasive pests.
Dedicated wash down area

Footbath

Worker’s Hygiene

Signage

Keeping Records

Hygiene of Equipment
Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus

Farm Biosecurity Plan Template for CGMMV and NT Cucurbit farms

Business name

Farm Address

Contact

Office

Mobile

Email

Completed by

Signed

Date

WARNING

FARM BIOSECURITY IN PLACE

Please contact the office before entering.
Do not enter property without prior approval.
Keep to pathways and lawns.
Do not enter growing areas.

Horticulture Innovation Australia

This template is funded by Horticulture Innovation Australia using the National Vegetable Levy and funds from the Australian Government.

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S1.2m funding to further ‘groundbreaking’ NT curcubit virus containment research

Property Management Plan
for properties infected with Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus
Prepare Industry

Planning Emergency Response

Prepare Community

National Biosecurity Systems

Keep Stakeholders Informed

Farm Biosecurity Plans
Industry Liaison Training for Emergency Response
Postgraduate study in plant biosecurity

Plant biosecurity encompasses the measures that protect plants from invasive pests in a world of increasing international trade and travel. This is a rapidly growing area of employment in government, agriculture, and business.

The Plant Biosecurity Program equips graduates to begin or extend a career in biosecurity. It is delivered by a consortium of five leading Australian universities. You will graduate at the highest level of industry requirements.

More about the program – Frequently Asked Questions

www.nt.gov.au

Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy
25 years of protecting Australia
NT-based eradication programs win national awards

Two Territory-based eradication programs have won national awards for their respective successes.

The Banana Fritsche Eradication Program and Beekeepers NT won awards in the 2016 Australian Biosecurity Awards in Canberra on Tuesday night.
Thankyou