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WA PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING COMMONWEALTH FUNDS FOR BEEF STUDY

In a joint effort, the Western Australian Farmers Federation and the Pastoralists and Graziers Association have been successful in securing funds for a stateside study into the states beef supply chain.

Funding was sought from the Stocktake Program, part of the Advancing Australian Agriculture Program from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in Canberra.

The funding application, coordinated and sponsored by the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority will result in a detailed beef supply chain study undertaken with the result being a future model for the Western Australian Beef Processing Industry.

Mr Mike Norton, President of the WA Farmers Meat Section said, "The funding will enable an independent study of the beef supply chain to be undertaken. This is so necessary given the current decline in producer returns, feedlot profitability and abattoir slaughter space, not to mention the high prices at retail level".

"Something has got to give".

"This study is very timely" Mr Norton said.

Mr Tim D'Arcy, President of the Meat and Livestock Committee of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association said "This study brings a rare opportunity for all sectors of the industry to address the anomalies that are restraining the development of the beef industry in WA."

"The study will be undertaken over the next 3 months, and be guided by a steering committee made up of a cross section of the industry" Mr D'Arcy said.

The submission was one of only eleven submissions nationally to be successful.

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