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Next Generation Farming – growing economies

- MIW region has a diverse agricultural sector
- Gross value of agricultural production is between \$1.3-\$1.5B (2014/15 figures so much more now).
- This represents 9% of QLD agricultural production
- Six priority industry sectors for potential economic growth through new development, value adding, exports, investment attraction and job creation;
 - Sugar
 - Beef/Livestock
 - Cropping Broadacre
 - Aquaculture
 - BioFutures
 - Horticulture

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Summary	Gross Value \$	% MIW Gross Value
Livestock related	\$493,591,757	44.1%
Sugarcane	\$354,443,473	31.7%
Sorghum	\$64,386,627	5.8%
Wheat	\$6,204,926	0.6%
Other Broadacre	\$12,386,059	1.1%
Vegetables	\$175,586,823	15.7%
Fruit & nuts	\$8,669,821	0.8%
Nurseries, cut flowers, turf	\$4,213,741	0.4%
TOTAL	\$1,119,483,227	100%

Technology & Innovation

- Innovation and technology are driving improvements in;
 - agricultural production
 - Productivity
 - Sustainability (eg use of drones).
- Australia has slipped on global innovation indicators.
- Whilst remaining high in investment in R&D, commercialisation of R&D is a weakness.
- In 2015, the Global Innovation Index ranked Australia 17th overall in terms of innovation but 72nd for innovation efficiency.
- Farmers across the globe are demanding applied research solutions to on farm problems to drive productivity.

Think for the future

We must focus on intergenerational farming and the positive impacts this provides.

You are the future for the industry.

We all should be excited what the future holds not scared of it.

Enjoy the conference.

