

SCHOOLS PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE STEPPED UP BY THE AUSTRALIAN PORK INDUSTRY

Australian schools are embracing agriculture with education around where our food comes from and the role our farmers play in producing good, wholesome, nourishing and nutritious Australian food that appears on our plates.

One of the industries involved in supplying such food products is the Australian pork industry. At the recent pork industry science, technology and information event, the Pan Pacific Pork Expo, the Australian pork industry launched the Australian Pork Industry Education Resources kit.

In launching the kit Australian Pork Limited (APL) General Manager Research and Innovation, Dr Darryl D'Souza, said "This educational resource is designed to improve student knowledge of where their food comes from, how it is produced and ultimately the important role primary industries play in everyday lives."

"It combines the latest science with sustainability education to help school communities understand climate change and take positive steps to foster environmental sustainability."

Initiated by APL and supported by the Primary Industries Education Foundation (PIEF), the Australian Pork Industry Education Resources recognises and promotes the fundamental role the Australian pork farmers play in producing quality pork, tackling climate change and protecting the environment into the future.

Dr Darryl D'Souza said "The Australian pork industry is committed in our efforts to educate students about the many aspects of pork production, and projects like Australian Pork Industry Education Resources are yielding some very positive results. So far, participating schools that have piloted the educational resources are very excited about the results and the knowledge base left with the school and the children about agriculture. It is also very exciting and rewarding to see the way the students are engaging their families, friends and the broader community when sharing their learning experiences."

The resources are now freely available on the APL website at <http://australianpork.com.au/library-resources/education-toolkit/>.

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