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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **BLACK SOLDIER FLY TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE REVENUE STREAMS TO THE AG SECTOR**

Australian Pork Limited (APL) is pleased to announce successful funding from the Australian Department of Agriculture for a cross-industry project to develop profitable by-products from agricultural waste utilising Future Green Solutions' Black Soldier Fly (BSF) technology.

Through Round 4 of the Rural Research and Development for Profit Program, \$1,712,000 of Commonwealth Government funding has been secured.

Adoption of BSF technology and its products has the potential to increase productivity and profitability for a wide range of agricultural enterprises. BSF technology would generate alternative revenue, reduce input costs and improve use of waste as fertilisers to reduce reliance on synthetics.

APL will lead the project in collaboration with other Research and Development Corporations (including Australian Eggs, AgriFutures - chicken meat program, Australian Meat Processing Corporation, Dairy Australia, Fisheries Research Development Corporation) as well as technology provider, Future Green Solutions. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland and University of Western Australia will conduct the research.

BSF farming is an emerging industry that provides a low-cost waste management solution for producers. It involves converting agricultural waste into high-quality fertilisers and protein.

APL's Chief Executive Officer, Margo Andrae, says this project will go a long way to making sure the agricultural sector can use transformational technology to improve productivity on farms.

This collaborative project between industry, government and researchers will:

- develop larvae and frass as a low-cost, tailored, slow-release, granulated fertiliser product that is safe to handle, store, transport and apply;
- quantify the biosecurity and environmental risks associated with the use of larvae and frass for alternative uses;
- overcome the barriers to adoption by involving policy makers and farmers during trials and assisting early adopters through extension activities.

For more information on the research project, contact Denise Woods at [denise.woods@australianpork.com.au](mailto:denise.woods@australianpork.com.au)

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