National Food Industry Strategy

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A Shared Vision

 By 2007, the Australian food industry will be a significant global player with a sustainable and profitable role in the global food product system

Achieving the Vision

- Four objectives
 - Innovation
 - Exports
 - Business Environment
 - Environmental Sustainability

Key Industry Drivers

- Emergence of the global consumer
- Changing composition of international food trade
- Globalisation of food processing and retailing
- Innovation product and process development, packaging and marketing

The Global Consumer

Trends

- More affluent, discerning and cautious
- Food safety and quality the price of market entry

Challenges

- Prove our claim to be 'clean & green' and meet ethical requirements
- Develop a whole of food chain ethos

Changing Composition of International Food Trade

Industry trends

- Global processed food trade now 75% of food trade
- Growth in processed food trade twice that of primary products

Challenge

 Increase Australia's share of the global processed food trade from 3%

Globalisation of Food Processing & Retailing

Industry trends

- The world is one market
- Economies of scale
- Around one third of processed food trade intra-firm
- Global retail sales to be controlled by handful of retailers

Globalisation of Food Processing & Retailing

Challenges

- Long term strategic global supply chains
- Justify Australia as a strategic location for investment
- Rationalise and restructure to increase competitiveness

Innovation

Industry trends

 Competitiveness relies increasingly on innovation

Challenges

- Increasing industry investment
- Increased responsiveness to consumers demands and expectations

Food Industry Action Agenda

 A Government and Industry Partnership

 To sustain the competitiveness and profitability of the food industry

Vision:

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- National Packaging
 Covenant
- Environmental impact per unit output

International Food Market Entry Strategy

Funding Initiatives

- © Continuation and expansion of the Technical Market Access Program (\$3.42m/year)
- Food Market
 Development program
 (\$1.06m/year)
- Pursuing Australian objectives in international food standard-setting bodies (\$0.46m/year)

Competitive Business Environment

Funding Initiatives

- National Food Safety and Quality Initiative (\$1.04m/year)
- Supply Chain Initiative (\$2.08m/year)

S&T Innovation

Funding Initiatives

- Food Innovation Grants Program (\$6.94m/year)
- Centres of Excellence Program (\$2.48m/year)
- Management School (one-off grant)

Strategy Implementation

- Model with strong industry ownership
 - National Food Industry Council
 - National Food Industry Strategy
 Limited (NFIS Ltd)

National Food Industry Council

- Oversee the growth and development of the food industry and drive the implementation of the Strategy
- Replaces The Supermarket to Asia Council
- Membership is key Commonwealth Ministers and food industry CEOs
 - Minister Truss chairs

National Food Industry Strategy Ltd

- A "revamped" STA Ltd
- Supports the Council and implements the major funding programs:
 - Food Innovation Grants Program
 - Food Centres of Excellence
 - Food Market Development Program
 - Food Chains Program

AFFA

- AFFA has the policy role and will deliver government to government initiatives:
 - Technical Market Access Program
 - International Food Standards Initiative
 - Food Safety and Quality Initiative

National Food Safety And Quality Initiative

- National integrated food safety auditor framework
- Scientific Integrity of safety and quality systems
- Emerging trends in global food safety and quality systems

AFFA's Objective

- Profitable, competitive and sustainable agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food industries
- Industry / Government partnership