



Northern Australia Food and Fibre Supply Chains

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Key messages

1. Irrigated agriculture at scale can add considerable value
2. Water does not guarantee positive financial returns
3. Supply chains need re-thinking
4. New markets needed for high value products
5. Processing facilities needed where production is at scale
6. Need to look for integration and value add e.g. beef sector
7. Infrastructure needs vary significantly between regions e.g. supply chains and processing facilities in the Ord, water in the Flinders/Gilbert
8. Plan for unexpected shocks, especially in the first few years
9. Labour and agribusiness services critical success factors
10. Manage the whole system and scale up slowly