



NAMS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
MONITORING SYSTEM



National Agricultural Monitoring System

The National Agricultural Monitoring System (NAMS) is a web-based tool for streamlining the Exceptional Circumstances (drought relief) application and assessment processes.



FACT SHEET

The NAMS is a website that contains maps, graphs and reports to demonstrate the production situation for major agricultural systems, as well as the state of their climatic drivers.

The NAMS contains current and historical data on measured and modelled production, financial impacts, remote sensing and climate. This information is presented both spatially and via reports, providing general background information and current climatic, production and resource conditions.



Collectively, the information in the NAMS shows conditions for production and prospects for the major agricultural production systems. This information can be accessed from the website at www.nams.gov.au.



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Frequently asked questions about the

National Agricultural Monitoring System

What is the NAMS?

The NAMS is a web-based tool that will streamline application and assessment processes for Exceptional Circumstances (EC). Initially, the NAMS contains data specific to dryland/broadacre industries. The feasibility of expanding the NAMS to encompass irrigated and intensive industries is currently being assessed.

What is the objective of the NAMS?

The NAMS website contains a range of current and historical climate, production and commodity data. This data is transformed into user-friendly graphs and maps that are ready for interpretation, and compiled into reports for EC and other purposes.

What's in it for me?

The NAMS was built to serve a wide range of users, from those involved in drought applications to producers wanting to access agriculturally relevant information. A variety of National, State and regional reports are available.

Does NAMS support other programmes?

The information in the NAMS is useful for many purposes. However, the NAMS was not designed to support other programmes such as the National Disaster Relief Arrangements.



When will the NAMS be available?

The operational version of the NAMS was released in July 2006.

How can I get more information?

Visit www.nams.gov.au or contact us at nams@nams.gov.au.

Who is involved in the NAMS project?

Primary Industries Ministerial Council instigated the development of the NAMS. Representatives from Australian, State and Territory Governments, along with industry and the scientific community have worked together to design and develop the NAMS website, and the information contained within it. A list of contributors to the NAMS, and the data they are providing, can be found at www.nams.gov.au/contributors.

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