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The aim of this survey is to:

- understand the key growth issues and strategies adopted by food organisations
- understand the food manufacturing and processing industry issues and trends facing the Australian food industry: domestically and
- gain insight into the role of the Australian government and other bodies in addressing the national food industry issues and trends, and assisting industry growth
- assess the current impact of the NFIS program components and its potential future focus.

By participating in this survey, you have the opportunity to provide input into the assessment report being done by KPMG, which will be one of a number of elements that the Australian Government will use to determine the future role and direction of the NFIS and its programs.

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All individual responses will remain strictly confidential with the data combined to provide an aggregate indication of the status of the food industry.

Please read all questions thoroughly, including these instructions, which will assist you in completing the survey and providing accurate answers.

Please note that your participation in this survey is of value to us even if certain sections or questions are not relevant to your organisation.

Depending on the relevance of the various sections of the survey to your organisation, it may take up to 30 minutes to complete.

You will need to respond to the questions by selecting an appropriate box, filling in a percentage or writing in your comments.

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1 FOOD MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING INDUSTRY ORGANISATION PROFILE

Administration questions (free text)				
a)	Name of company:			
b)	Address:			
c)	Telephone:			
d)	Contact person:			
e)	Position:			
	Email:			



2)	Which of the following best describes the food manufacturing and processing industry sector your
	organisation operates in? (Multiple responses ok)

1		Bakery products	
2		Beverages (fruit juice, bottled water, etc. excludes wine)	
3		Confectionery	
4		Dairy products	
5		Flour milling and cereal foods	
6		Fruit and vegetable/horticulture	
7		Meat and meat products	
8		Oils and fats	
9		Pet food	
10		Seafood	
11		Sugar	
12		Wine	
13		Other (Specify)	
3)	Pleas	e categorise your organisation's manufacturing & pro	cessing ope
1		Australian operations only	
2		Australian owned business with domestic and overseas operations	

4) What is the postcode of the location of your organisation's Australian head office?

Overseas owned business with operations in

Other, please specify_____

Australia



5) In which state/territory does your organisation have operations, and define whether these operations are based in metropolitan or regional locations (metro/regional/both)? (Multiple responses ok, indicate the number of sites)

1	New South Wales/ACT	
	□ Metro No	☐ Regional No
2	Northern Territory	
	☐ Metro No	☐ Regional No
3	Queensland	
	☐ Metro No	☐ Regional No
4	South Australia	
	☐ Metro No	☐ Regional No
5	Tasmania	
	☐ Metro No	☐ Regional No
6	Victoria	
	☐ Metro No	☐ Regional No
7	Western Australia	
	☐ Metro No	☐ Regional No

6) Please define your organisation's sales turnover from its Australian operations for the most recent financial year. (select one)

	Sales Turnover		
1	0	to	AU\$99,999
2	AU\$100,000	to	\$999,999
3	AU\$1 Million	to	\$19.99 Million
4	AU\$20 Million	to	\$49.99 Million
5	AU\$50 Million	to	\$99.99 Million
6	AU\$100 Million	or	more





7) Please specify the number of staff employed (full-time equivalent) by your organisation within Australia. (select one)

	No. of Employees
1	1 to 20
2	21 to 100
3	101 to 200
4	201 to 500
	501 or more



2 FOOD INDUSTRY ORGANISATION INITIATIVES

Relevant definitions for this section of the survey (ABS Standards)

- **R&D** creative work undertaken on a systematic basis, in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.
- Innovation the process of introducing new or significantly improved goods or services and/or implementing new or significantly improved processes. New goods or services or new processes may involve the development of new technology, an adaptation of existing technology to a new use (e.g. electronic commerce), or may be non-technological in nature (e.g organisational and managerial change, some changes in marketing).
- 8a) Select the top **three** priority growth initiatives that related to your organisation over the past five years 2001-2006 **(select three options)**

		2001 - 2006
1	Improving the cost competitiveness of the supply of services and products in existing operations and markets:	
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:	
	a. Domestic	
	b. Overseas	
2	Differentiating through new product and service innovation and R&D:	
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:	
	a. Domestic	
	a. Overseas	
3	New export market entry	



		2001 - 2006	
4	Expansion of capacity and capability within existing operations:		
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:		
	a. Domestic		
	b. Overseas		
5	Acquiring new manufacturing or processing operations:		
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:		
	a. Domestic		
	b. Overseas		
6	Developing partnerships with commercial organisations:		
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:		
	a. Domestic		
	b. Overseas		
7	Other (please specify – allow multiple entries):		
8	Don't know		
8b)	Select the top three priority growth initiatives that related to years 2007-2012 (select three options)	your organisation	n over the next five
		2007 - 2012	
1	Improving the cost competitiveness of the supply of services and products in existing operations and markets:		
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:		
	c. Domestic		

c. Overseas



		2007 - 2012
2	Differentiating through new product and service innovation and R&D:	
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:	
	b. Domestic	
	Overseas	
3	c. New export market entry	
4	Expansion of capacity and capability within existing operations:	
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:	
	d. Domestic	
	d. Overseas	
5	Acquiring new manufacturing or processing operations:	
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:	
	b. Domestic	
	c. Overseas	
6	Developing partnerships with commercial organisations:	
	If specifically domestic or overseas please select:	
	b. Domestic	
	Overseas	
7	Other (please specify – allow multiple entries):	
8	Don't know	



9) Approximately what proportion of your organisation's gross annual sales revenue from Australian operations is invested in **R&D**? (select one option, and if option 1 is selected, indicate the percentage)

Australian Operations Definition: manufacturing and processing operations within Australia

1		We are currently undertaking R&D	
2		We are planning to commence R&D activity in the future, hence currently the proportion is 0%	
3		We do not undertake any R&D and have no intention of commencing	
4		Don't know	
	•		

10) If your organisation is planning to increase (or start) expenditure on **R&D** in the next 5 years, what is your optimal expenditure level? (**please select one option**)

1	R&D as a % of annual sales%
2	We do not undertake any R&D and have no intention of commencing
3	Don't know

11) What prevents your organisation from investing in or increase your investment in **R&D**? (Multiple responses ok)

1	Regulatory activity both in Australia and overseas; (regulatory compliance)				
2	Lack of availability of government and industry programmes designed to facilitate R&D				
3	Lack of financial incentives for both scientists and entrepreneurs				
4	A shortage of skills				
5	Inability to commercialise and realise return on investment				
6	The long delay to realise return on investment				
7	Organisation is too small to warrant the implementation of any R&D programmes				
8	Limited access to capital to invest in R&D				



9	Lack of direction or support from head office
10	Lack of knowledge of where to source R&D expertise
11	Not relevant to our business
12	Other (please specify – allow multiple entries):
13	Don't know

12) Rate the importance of the following **innovation and R&D** categories to your organisation. **(select an option for each category)**

		Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Very unimportant	Don't know
1	New product development					
2	New process or production techniques					
3	Packaging development					
4	Waste management					
5	Supply chain					
6	Information technology					
7	Customer and consumer insights					
8	Environment conservation					
9	Other initiatives (please specify)					



13) Are you currently involved with any joint or collaborative **innovation or R&D** ventures? **(multiple responses ok)**

1	Yes, with a co-operative research centre
2	Yes, with a research provider
3	Yes, with other industry organisations
4	Yes, with industry associations
5	Yes, with supply chain services providers (eg, 3 rd party logistics providers)
6	Yes, Other (please specify)
7	No
8	Don't know



3 FOOD INDUSTRY ORGANISATION EXPORT ACTIVITY

14)	Which of t	the following	best describes	your organisation	's export activity?	(select one)
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1	We currently export some or all of our products
2	We do not currently export but intend to export within the next 5 years
3	We do not export and have no intention of exporting
4	Other (please specify):

If you have selected option 1 or 4, proceed to Q15

If you have selected option 2, proceed to Q19

If you have selected option 3, proceed to Section 4, Q 23

15) What proportion of your organisation's gross annual sales revenue from Australian operations for the most recent financial year is attributed to export sales?

1	Exports as a % of annual sales revenue:%
2	Don't know



16) To which countries does your organisation currently export? Select from the list of countries provided below and allocate a percentage of your organisation's total export revenue. Please ensure that the sum of your answers equals 100%. (Multiple responses ok)

1	China	
2	Hong Kong	%
3	India	%
4	Indonesia	%
5	Japan	%
6	Malaysia	%
7	Singapore	%
8	South Korea	%
9	Taiwan	%
10	New Zealand	%
11	USA	
12	Europe (exclude UK)	%
13	UK	%
14	Other (please specify-allow multiple countries):	%



17) Approximately what proportion	n of your organisation?	's export revenue is fro	m the following
market sectors? (Multiple resp	onses ok)		

1	Processing	
2	Wholesale	%
3	Food Service	%
4	Retail	
5	Other (please specify):	
6	Don't know	

18) For export sales, which of the market channels listed is the most important for your organisation? **(select one)**

1	Direct sales
2	Domestic sales department
3	Export sales department
4	Traders domestic
5	Traders international
6	Own overseas office
7	Freight forwarder
8	Distributor
9	Other (please specify):
10	Don't Know



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Singapore

Taiwan

USA

South Korea

New Zealand

19)	 5 1	of your Australian operations grost sales in 5 years time? (select one		would		
1	Exports as a % of annual s	Exports as a % of annual sales revenue in 5 years time:%				
2	Don't Know					
20)		narkets present a major growth opp the list of countries provided below				
1	China					
2	Hong Kong					
3	India					
4	Indonesia					
5	Japan					
6	Malaysia					



21) What do you perceive Australia's strengths to be in food export markets? (Multiple responses ok)

1	Product quality
2	Environmental friendliness
3	Innovative products
5	Price competitiveness
6	Food safety
7	Product traceability
8	Product source authenticity, ethnicity
9	Regulatory control and systems
10	Brand recognition
11	Seasonality (counter to northern hemisphere)
12	Other (please specify – allow multiple entries):
13	Don't Know



22) How important do you believe a coordinated 'Brand Australia' approach is in export markets for the industry? (please select one)

1	Very important
2	Somewhat important
3	Neither important nor unimportant
4	Somewhat unimportant
5	Very unimportant
6	Don't know



4 NATIONAL FOOD INDUSTRY ISSUES & TRENDS

23) From the list of food industry issues and trends defined below, rate the impact of each issue on your organisation's bottom line performance? (select an option for each issue/trend)

		Strong favourable impact	Moderate favourable impact	Neither favourable or unfavourable impact	Moderate unfavourable impact	Strong unfavourable impact	Don't know
1	Complex retailer and other customer requirements						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
2	Consumer demand preference for 'health and wellness' products:						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
3	Consumer demand preference for convenience products						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
4	Retail sector consolidation and buying power						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						



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		Strong favourable impact	Moderate favourable impact	Neither favourable or unfavourable impact	Moderate unfavourable impact	Strong unfavourable impact	Don't know
5	Retailer generic brand and product ranges						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
6	Product traceability and risk management systems						
7	Food safety and quality systems and supporting activities (e.g. auditing):						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
8	Availability of skilled labour						
9	Labour force costs						
10	Cost and availability of relevant and useful market intelligence about overseas markets						
11	Cost and availability of supplies						
12	Cost of logistics and transport						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
13	Natural resource cost and sustainability (e.g. water, energy)						



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		Strong favourable impact	Moderate favourable impact	Neither favourable or unfavourable impact	Moderate unfavourable impact	Strong unfavourable impact	Don't know
14	Investment capital availability						
15	Packaging differentiation and innovation						
16	New information technologies						
17	R&D access and capability						
18	Collaborative partnerships						
	Domestic						
	Overseas						
19	Ease of market access (eg, quarantine, prohibition)						
20	Existence of bilateral / regional trade and investment arrangements between Australia and target market						
21	Cost of market access (eg, tariffs, charges)						
22	Strengthening of the Australian dollar (eg, to US\$0.85)						
23	Weakening of the Australian dollar (eg, to US\$0.60)						
24	Other (please specify):						



5 THE ROLE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES

24)	What should be the primary focus of the Australian government's role in the national food
	industry (rank the list from 1 to 4 in order of importance, 1 being the least important, 4 being
	the most important)

1	Supporting access to and growth in export / global markets
2	Supporting competitiveness in domestic markets
3	Supporting innovation
4	Developing the industry economic and regulatory framework

25) Select the option that best reflects your organisation's opinion on who should address each issue defined below. (select an option for each issue)

		Industry	Government agencies	A collaboration between industry and government	Don't know
1	Provision of global food industry trends and growth opportunity data				
2	Building and leveraging a coordinated Brand Australia in export markets				
3	Facilitation of collaborative organisation and association networks				
4	Development of commercial networks, expertise and market information in export markets				
6	Development of technical expertise and regulatory information in export markets				
7	Commercialisation of innovation for demand side growth initiatives (ie, New product, packaging)				



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		Industry	Government agencies	A collaboration between industry and government	Don't know
8	Commercialisation of innovation for supply side growth initiatives (ie, cost reduction, process improvement, waste mgmt)				
9	Development and co- ordination of standards , and regulation management systems				
10	Negotiation for the removal of trade barriers to export markets				
11	Coaching and mentoring of industry participants in business growth process development (ie, business planning, demand opportunity commercialisation, developing a culture of innovation)				
12	Facilitating access to capital and funding for business growth initiatives				
13	Development of world class supply chain infrastructure between Australia and global markets				
14	Development of world class research facilities in Australia				
15	Development of world class education programmes tailored to the food industry				
16	Development and management of sustainable environmental services (ie, water)				



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		Industry	Government agencies	A collaboration between industry and government	Don't know
17	Other (please specify):				



)	1
)	2
)	3What should the government do:

26) Based on the response to question 25, select and explain the three priorities that government



6 THE NATIONAL FOOD INDUSTRY STRATEGY PROGRAMMES

National Food Industry Strategy Program definitions:

- **Food Innovation Grants programme** provides grants to food businesses for projects which focus on delivering commercial results through research and development and innovation in product, process or technology.
- Food Market Development programme undertakes projects and activities to improve collaboration between Australian Government agencies (including Austrade), State Government agencies and industry in food export market development activities.
- **Food Chain programme** provides a platform for the building of food industry skills, capability and knowledge in chain management.
- Technical Market Access programme addresses sanitary and phytosanitary issues that impact
 on gaining new market access, and the maintenance of existing markets, through the provision of
 agricultural and veterinary counsellors in export markets, supported by technical specialists in
 Australia.
- International food standards initiative (Codex) provides funding to increase the level and quality of Australian Government and food industry involvement in development of Codex Alimentarius and other international trade standards, to ensure outcomes are science based and do not act as non-tariff barriers to trade.
- Food safety and quality initiative assists Australian food industry and agribusiness in improving national food safety and quality assurance systems.
- Food centres of excellence programme contributes to establishing Australia as an international centre of excellence for food industry innovation by developing world class human capital in Australian food R&D centres.
- 27) Do you think the National Food Industry Council is effectively providing a joint industry/government forum to focus efforts, and provide strategic direction for the development of the Australian food industry (select one)?

1	Yes
2	No Please specify:
3	Don't know



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28) Please indicate whether you are **aware** of the following National Food Industry Strategy programmes and whether you have **participated** in any of them? (select one for each option)

		Aware of	Unaware of	Participated in
1	Food Innovation Grants programme			
2	Food Market Development programme			
3	Food Chain programme			
4	Technical Market Access programme			
5	International food standards initiative (Codex)			
6	Food safety and quality initiative			
7	Food centres of excellence programme:			
	a. Centre for functional foods			
	b. Australian food safety centre			

If you identified that you are **unaware of** all of the National Food Industry Strategy programmes, progress to question 31 to complete the survey.



29) Based on your **organisation's awareness** of the National Food Industry Strategy (NFIS) programmes, in the future will your organisation be likely to: **(select one option for each)**

		Yes	No	Don't Know
1	Be influenced to undertake additional R&D activity			
2	Be influenced to work collaboratively with supply chain partners			
3	Leverage the in-country platforms developed by the food market development programme to increase your export sales			
4	Benefit from technical market access activities to overcome barriers to export markets			
5	Be influenced to review food safety/quality systems			
6	Be influenced to provide input into the Australian Government positions in international food standards development			

If you have **not** participated in any NFIS programmes progress to question to 31to complete the survey



Select from the list below the **benefits achieved** by your organisation **specifically** through participation in the National Food Industry Programmes. (**multiple responses ok**)

		Food innovation grants programme	Food market development programme	Food chain programme	Technical market access programme	International food standards initiative (Codex)	Food safety and quality initiative	Food centres of excellence programme
1	Development of additional internal innovation and R&D focused programmes							
2	Development of new external R&D partnerships and networks							
3	Development of new external commercial partnerships and networks							



		Food innovation grants programme	Food market development programme	Food chain programme	Technical market access programme	International food standards initiative (Codex)	Food safety and quality initiative	Food centres of excellence programme
4	Knowledge and data of food industry trends and opportunities							
5	Knowledge and data of specific export markets							
6	Enhancement of internal business planning and business case development capability							
7	Facilitated entry into a new market that would otherwise not have been penetrated							



		Food innovation grants programme	Food market development programme	Food chain programme	Technical market access programme	International food standards initiative (Codex)	Food safety and quality initiative	Food centres of excellence programme
8	Maintained access to existing export markets with restrictive food regulations							
9	Enhancement of food safety/quality systems activities							
10	Cost reduction through implementation of initiatives							
11	Revenue increase through implementation of initiatives							
12	Other (please specify)							



31)	What should be the priority programmes for a future National Food Industry Strategy? (free text)
32)	Do you have any other comments or suggestions that you would like to add? (free text)
33)	Please enter the time you have taken to complete this survey:minutes
We 1	may be contacting a small number of respondents for feedback regarding this survey. To opt out of this process check this box
	No, I don't wish to be contacted
dete	feedback you have provided to us in this survey will be one of a number of elements that the Australian Government will use to rmine the future role and direction of the NFIS and its programs. We will be forwarding to all respondents a brief summary fo the ey results.
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Thar	nk you for your contribution.