

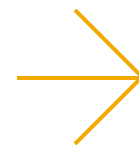


AgriFutures Chicken Meat Program

Open Call 2026-27

Information Session

May 26



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Acknowledgement of Country



AgriFutures Australia acknowledges the First Nations people of Australia as the Traditional Custodians of the Lands and Waters on which we live, learn and work.

We pay our respects to elders past, present, and future of these nations and any First Nations people in this webinar today.



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Housekeeping



Session recording

This session is being recorded and will be shared through online channels.



Intro poll

Please respond to the poll questions appearing on your screen.



Audio off & video on

Your mic and camera are off to maximise screen space and minimise distractions.



Q&A chat

Submit questions anytime via the Q&A function. We'll address them at the end.



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OPEN CALL TIME!!!



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Who am I & what is this session about



Meet Sarika Pandya

Manager, AgriFutures Chicken Meat Program



Agenda

- **Welcome** and intro poll
- **Program** information
- Open Call **process**
- **Key information** for the Chicken Meat Program Open Call 2026/27
- **Live - Q&A**
Opportunity to ask questions
- **Close** and outro poll

What do we do?



The AgriFutures Chicken Meat Program invests in research, development and extension (RD&E) that improves the sustainability, productivity and viability of the Australian chicken meat industry.

Chicken Meat RD&E plan 2022 -2027



September 2022

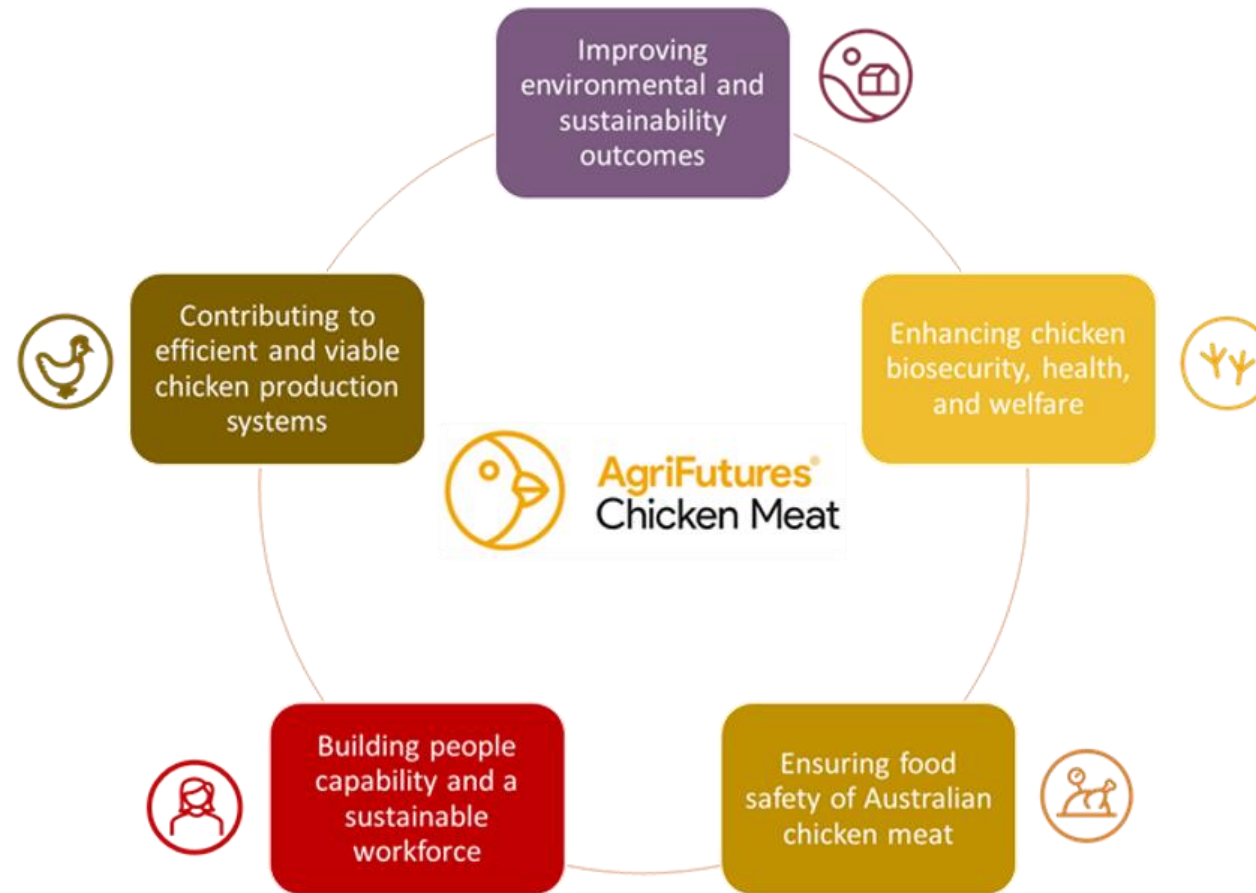


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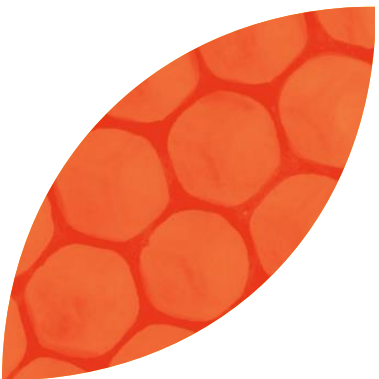
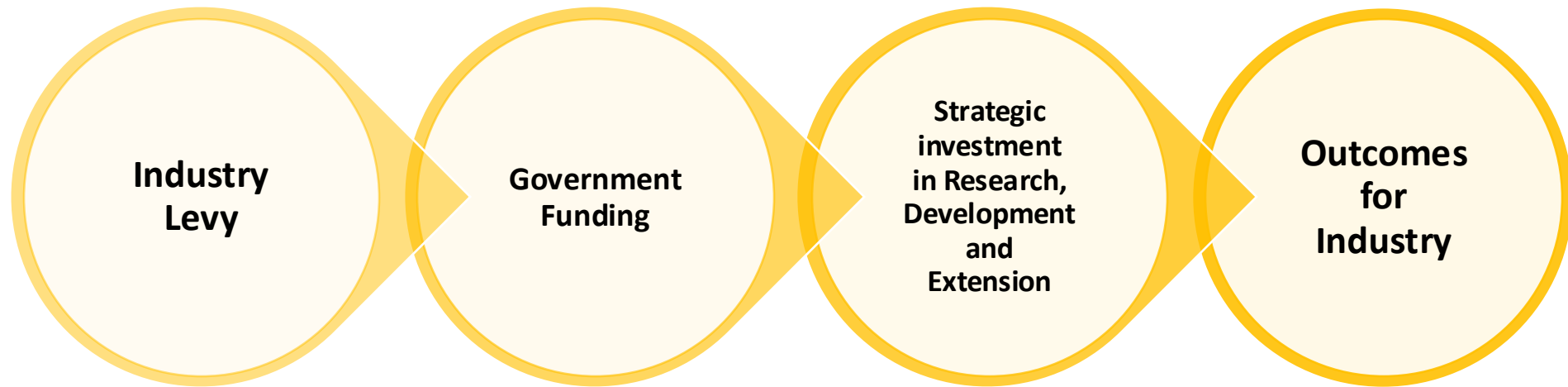


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Industry Research Priorities



How research is funded



Open Call process



2026/27 RD&E Priorities



Priority 1

- Improving environmental sustainability outcomes

Priority 2

- Enhancing chicken biosecurity, health and welfare

Priority 4

- Ensuring the food safety of Australian chicken meat



Priority 1



Research Topics

- Water use and efficiency during production and primary processing
- Climate adaptation responses for the industry
- Fossil fuel reduction and energy security
- Manure management and composting opportunities



Priority 2



Research Topics

- Lighting to support bird welfare
- Dehydrator technology
- Practical waterfowl deterrence and evaporation control of water sources
- Update of industry biosecurity resources



Priority 4



Research Topics

- National pathogen survey
- Campylobacter control and effectiveness of consumer food safety education



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How to make a submission



Over to some screen-sharing...

Timeline



Item	Date
Open Call - Preliminary Research Proposal (PRP) Applications Open	Monday, 4 May 2026
End of period for questions or requests for information	Wednesday, 3 June 2026 5pm AEST
Open Call - PRP Applications Close	Wednesday, 10 June 2026 1pm AEST
Intended completion date of evaluation of respondents' responses	Early July 2026
Request for Full Research Proposals - applications open	Early August 2026
Request for Full Research Proposals - applications close	Early September 2026
Negotiations with respondents (if applicable)	October 2026 - February 2027
Expected execution of contract or issue of agreement	April 2027



Tips and further information



- Speak to industry about your proposal (not Advisory Panel members)
 - Use the attachments feature in K2 if you would like to include more information than the 250-word count limit
 - Demonstrate opportunities to communicate and extend information to the industry in your proposal
 - Identify opportunities to deliver your proposal in a shorter timeframe or budget (if applicable)
- Open Call webpage
 - Detailed Terms of Reference
 - FAQ's
 - K2 guide to submitting a PRP application in K2



If your proposed approach doesn't align neatly with the 'what success looks like' description above or research topics below, but you think your idea can bring success then you are still strongly encouraged to apply - please explain how your proposal aligns to industry research priorities as outlined in the RD&E Plan and your alternative success measures and how they would provide impact for the industry.



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Thank You and Questions

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