



Market mechanisms to support positive externalities from agriculture

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Complete a report on the effects of open markets for enhancing food security in the Asia Pacific region based on the results of case studies and workshop

- Interim report presented to PPFS in 2012
- Final report presented to PPFS Working Group 4 in 2013

Summary Findings

- Contribution of FTAs to regional food markets is greatest where coverage is comprehensive
- Many existing FTAs fall short of comprehensive
- Region wide FTAs increase the likelihood of increased food supply from efficient producers
- Decisions around opening food markets are multidimensional
- A strong, broadly based and concerted effort will be needed from Asia Pacific economies to open regional food markets

A white fishing boat is positioned in the center of a vast, blue body of water. The boat is surrounded by long, parallel lines of dark, cylindrical floating pens that stretch towards the horizon. In the background, there are rolling green hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The water has a slight ripple, and a single orange buoy is visible on the right side of the frame.

Supporting positive externalities from agriculture

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Enabling Policy Environment which supports:

- Investment in research and innovation
- Human capacity building and technology transfer
- Sector Diversification
- Investment in infrastructure and support services
- Opportunities to trade

A close-up photograph of a pine branch, showing a dense cluster of long, thin, green needles. The central stem is dark brown and textured. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

New Zealand Examples

Sustainable Farming Fund

- Farmer/grower/forester lead applied research projects
- Projects deliver economic, environmental and social benefits
- Government co-fund with industry
- Communication of results or findings are required
- Strong sustainability focus

Projects have included assessment of species for riparian planting, trees on farms, catchment management, irrigation efficiency, assessment of biocontrols

QEII Trust

- Independent statutory organisation

Mission:

“Partnering to protect special places on private land for the benefit of present and future generations”

- Helps private landowners protect significant natural and cultural features with open space covenants
- “Open Space”: any areas of land or body of water that serves to preserve or facilitate preservation of landscape of aesthetic, cultural recreational, scenic, scientific or social interest or value
- “Covenant”: Legal mechanism whereby landowners set aside land to be managed in Trust



Thank you