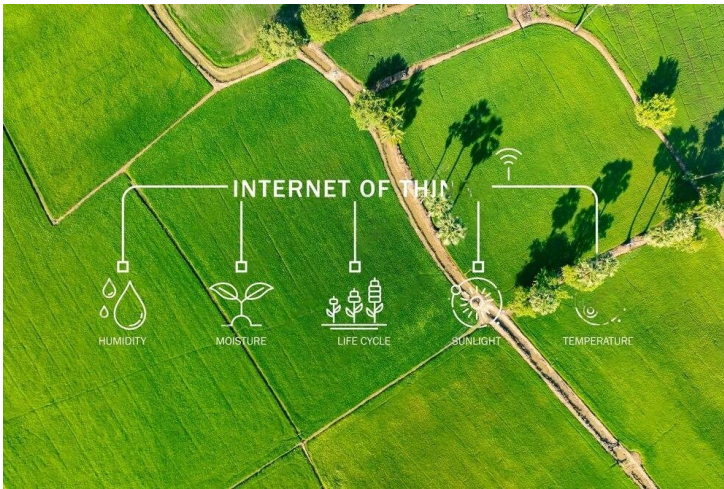


## Australia grants \$76 million in climate-smart support for farmers

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Australia has granted more than \$76 million in funding to 54 projects across the country to support farmers adopt climate-smart sustainable agriculture practices. Many of the projects are in regions that are experiencing or are prone to droughts or floods, with 17 supporting climate adaptation.

The projects are funded under the Natural Heritage Trust's Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by Natural Resource Management organisations across Australia. The projects will build capacity and resilience to climate change, manage emissions, improve soil health and protect natural capital.

Projects will build on local knowledge and networking approaches to target what is most needed, from improving soil health, combatting land degradation and improving water-use efficiency to farm-management planning and revegetation. Activities such as on-farm demonstrations and workshops will increase awareness and adoption by farmers and landholders.

The Climate-Smart Agriculture Program runs over five years from 2023 to 2028.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Julie Collins MP said, "Across Australia I have met so many farmers and landowners who want to be more sustainable, or who have already started on their sustainability journey, but need some support or guidance. These measures will help make farming more productive and profitable, better protect our environment, increase access to markets, strengthen our rural communities and further contribute to global food security. Adapting to climate change can help our farmers to reduce their costs, improve profits and look after the country for future generations".