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Western Australia unveils strategic plan for agriculture R&D with $55 million investment

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Western Australia will establish a new **Primary Industries Research Centre** at Jandakot to help future-proof Western Australiaâ??s valuable agriculture and food sector.

More than $55 million will be invested to develop the 2.75ha site in the Jandakot industrial precinct to house the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Developmentâ??s research and development functions. When completed, it will incorporate technical facilities, storage and office space for about 100 research and scientific staff.

The center will support R&D and innovation spanning plant pathology, crop genetics, molecular biology, virology and agronomy.

In addition to the Jandakot facility, the WA has secured a new 5.5ha site at Wanneroo for grain, pastures and irrigated agriculture field-research trials to commence in 2026.

DPIRD currently leads more than 250 research trials focused on grains, pastures, livestock, aquaculture, horticulture, and climate resilience across its metropolitan and regional locations.

In 2024, WA also opened the new State Biosecurity Response Centre in Canning Vale to manage increasing pest and disease threats to agriculture and the environment.

WA Agriculture and Food MinisterÂ **Jackie Jarvis**Â said the government was committed to future-proofing the stateâ??s agriculture sector. He explained "The important research undertaken by DPIRD scientists has long provided benefits to WA producers and our economy, and the Primary Industries Research Centre and the new field trial site will bolster DPIRDâ??s research capacity.Together with the new State Biosecurity Response Centre these new facilities will help capture the benefits of next generation science and innovation and ensure WAâ??s primary industries remain internationally competitive"