Citrus Growers Fund Public Meeting 2026

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Agenda

1. About the Fund
2. Management Plan
    a) Estimate of Contributions
    b) Proposals for Investment of the Fund
    c) Proposals for the Application of the Fund
    d) Process for Payments from the Fund
3. Reporting
4. Next Steps

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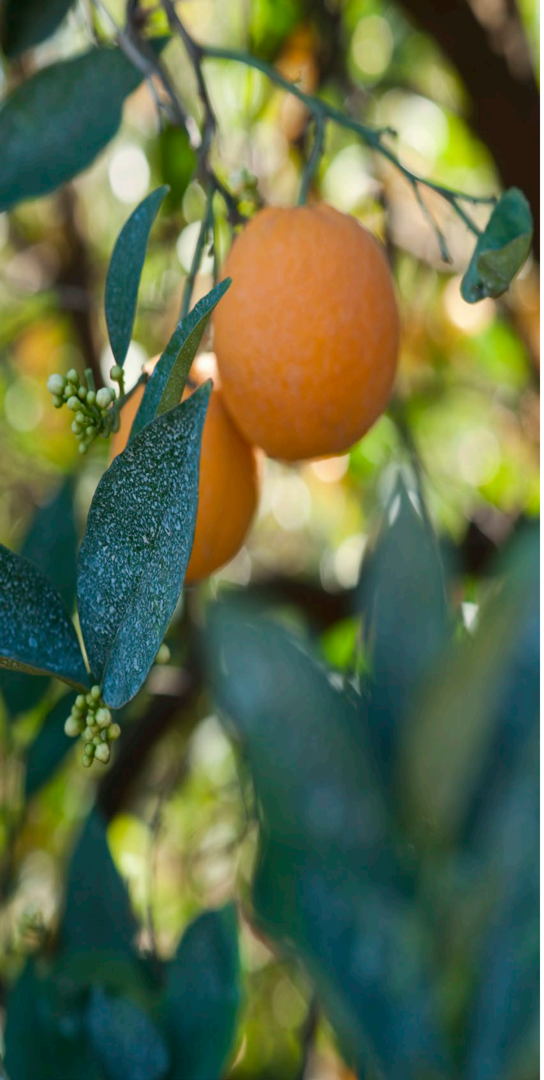


1. About the Fund

The Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act permits the collection of contributions from industry to support industry development

Legislation

- Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act 1998
- 14 funds operating under the Act

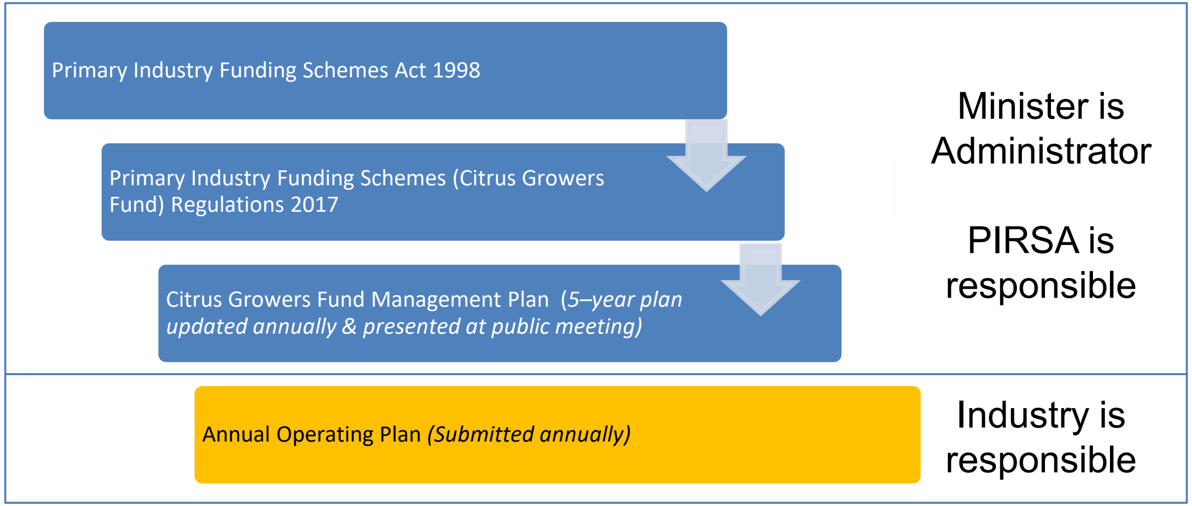
• Grains x2	• Pork
• Livestock x2	• Apiary
• Wine x7	• Citrus

- Each fund is established under its own regulations
- Each requires development of a 5 year management plan

1. About the Fund

Citrus Growers Fund key documents

Key Documents



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1. About the Fund

Citrus Growers Fund Process

Citrus Grower (Contributor)	Packing Shed (Collection Agent)	Minister / PIRSA (Administrator)	Industry Association (Fund Recipient)
Sells fruit to packing shed Responsible for checking deduction has been made **Can request refund if not happy with funds are being spent*	Deducts $1.00/tonne from payment to grower Forwards this contribution to PIRSA on quarterly basis	Processes contributions Processes requests for refunds Manages applications to the fund Makes payments from the fund Manages legislative requirements	Consults with Industry on priorities for coming year Develop application to fund Deliver services to industry as per application to fund Reports to industry and Minister on how funds have been spent and outcomes

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2. Management Plan

- Management Plans are public documents.
- Provide the Funds Administrator (Minister) with directions on how the fund contributors want their funds managed.
- Must provide minimum details as required in the *Primary Industry Funding Scheme Act 2008*.
- Can cover other issues as required.
- These plans were drafted, consulted and have been approved by Minister.

2a. Est. Contributions

Citrus Table 1 – Contribution Rates and Estimated Income

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Grower contribution rate per tonne ($)	$1.00	$1.00	$1.00	$1.00	$1.00
Estimated Production (tonne)	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
Estimated income ($)	$185,000	$185,000	$185,000	$185,000	$185,000

- Contribution rate is set at $1.00/tonne
- Estimated production volumes provided by Citrus SA
- Growers can request refunds of their contributions in July of the following year
- Growers who request refunds are ineligible to receive benefits from the fund

2b Investment of the Funds

- PIRSA administers the financial operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister
- Contributions are invested in an interest-bearing account in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).
- Interest paid on monies held is treated as income to the fund consistent with the regulations.

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2c. Application of the Funds

The Fund may be applied by the Minister for any of the following purposes:

a) payments to a body that, in the opinion of the Minister, represents citrus growers for 1 or more of the following purposes

   i. the reasonable operating and management expenses of the body;

   ii. fees for affiliation of the body with regional, State or national citrus or horticulture industry bodies;

   iii. promoting the South Australian citrus industry,

   iv. promoting the South Australian citrus industry, including through industry field days, conferences and other events;

   v. the collection and dissemination to citrus growers of information relevant to the citrus industry;

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2c. Application of the Funds

vi. representation of citrus growers, or participation of the body, in regional, state or national citrus or horticulture industry forums;

vii. programs designed to encourage communication and cooperation between citrus growers, citrus packers, citrus processors and persons marketing citrus fruit or citrus fruit products;

viii. other purposes of the body;

b) payments for other purposes for the benefit of citrus growers;

c) payment of the expenses of administering the Fund;

d) repayment of contributions to the Fund under regulation 6.

2d Payments from the Funds

The application should be in the form of a letter to the Minister which:

a) Confirms the organisation represents South Australian citrus growers

b) Requests a nominated payment from the fund

c) An operational plan, which includes
   - brief description of activity + intended outcome
   - alignment to a approved purpose
   - budgeted cost.

The proposed activities in the operational plan

- should align with the national, and state strategic objectives and regional priorities
- may extend over multiple years
- collaborative projects are encouraged

Payments from the fund may be used as industry co-contribution for other grant programs

Applicants should ensure that they have completed reporting requirements of any previous agreement

2d Payments from the Funds

Once an application is approved, it is proposed that payment will be in two payments of 50% each.

Table 2 – Payment Terms	
July	January
50%	50%

To ensure prudent management of the fund, industry agreed at the 2019 Citrus Growers Fund Public Meeting to always retain a minimum balance, in 2026 Citrus SA executive agreed to a minimum balance of $70,000 to ensure enough money is available for refund requests and to cover the costs of closing the fund, if needed.

- The amount available for payment under Regulation 7 in any financial year will not exceed the available balance of the fund at the time, minus
  - minimum balance of $70,000
  - annual allowance for refunds under Regulation 7(d)
  - annual allowance for audit and administrative costs under Regulation 7(c)

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3. Reporting

A. Annual Report to Parliament

- https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/horticulture/citrus_growers_fund

B. Industry report on Annual Operating Plan

- Citrus SA Annual Operating Plan 2022/23
- Citrus SA Annual Report 2024/25
- All underspends are to be reported on with proposed contingency plans outlined.

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Thank you
Questions - Discussion

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