

Horticultural Netting Program Trial To Open In Nsw

The Australian Government's Horticultural Netting Program trial is designed to assist horticulturalists to develop resilience and adapt to Australia's changing climate.

Through the program, horticulturalists in NSW will be able to apply for a grant of up to 50% of eligible costs to purchase and install new protective netting, to a maximum of \$100,000. The program will open to applications from 10am on Monday 24 October 2022.

Funding is limited and it's expected that demand for the grant will be high, therefore it's important that applications are lodged as soon as possible.

Who can access this grant?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be a primary producer;
- draw at least 50% of gross income from the horticultural primary production enterprise;
- contribute a part of their labour to the horticultural primary production enterprise; and
- hold an active ABN Please refer to the program guidelines available on the RAA website for detailed eligibility criteria.

What can the grant be used for?

This grant can be used to offset the cost of purchasing and installing new protective netting over existing horticulture crops. This includes the cost of a third-party provider to supply, or supply and install, new netting and associated structures.

The netting must be purchased and installed to increase horticultural productivity, reducing the impacts of future adverse weather events or animal predation, and to reduce water usage. Mesh size cannot be larger than 30mm.

Purchases and installation undertaken since 14 December 2021 are eligible for this program.

How much is the grant?

Eligible horticulturalists can apply for a grant of up to 50% of the estimated cost to purchase and install new protective netting, to a maximum grant amount of \$100,000.

When will applications be open? Applications will open at 10am on Monday 24 October 2022 and can be lodged via the RAA website.

More information:

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