

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Asked on Thursday, 15 November 2007

MR FINN asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

How has Queensland's agribusiness acumen been recognised nationally?

ANSWER:

Despite widespread drought and a high Australian dollar, Queensland agribusiness continues to go from strength to strength. Some of our more successful agricultural based companies were recently recognised nationally through the National Australia Bank (NAB) Agribusiness Awards for Excellence 2007.

The successful Queensland recipients were:

- **CSR Ethanol AgServices** which won the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Agribusiness Value Adding Award. CSR Ethanol AgServices operates a liquid fertiliser business based at Sarina and converts the liquid waste product from molasses/ethanol production to a high nutrient fertiliser that is marketed back into the cane, horticulture and stockfeed markets in Central Queensland.
- **Morganbury Meats** which won the Australian Farm Journal Rural Enterprise Award. Based on the Atherton Tablelands, Morganbury Meats is a family owned business that operates a vertically integrated supply chain model focused on retailing product that is traceable from the 'paddock to the plate'.
- **Australian Agriculture Company (AACo)** which won the Rimfire Resources Agribusiness Employer of Choice Award. Based in Brisbane with 26 properties across Queensland and the Northern Territory AACo is the world's largest cattle company. The company creates opportunities for growth and professional development through hands on training, assistance with further education and a commitment to succession planning from within the organisation.
- **Australian Country Choice (ACC)** which won the NAB Agribusiness Primary Producer of the Year Award. Also based in Brisbane, ACC is one of Queensland's largest privately owned companies and is recognised as a leading vertically integrated supply chain organisation. The company is a producer, processor and dedicated supplier to Coles Group Limited. ACC business operations incorporate livestock production, slaughtering, boning, value adding and marketing product to national and international customers.