

CRRDC – RDC SYSTEM PERFORMANCE



The Rural Research and Development (R&D) Corporations are a network of organisations that were formed under a partnership between different industries and the Australian Government to drive innovation and improvement in, and for, rural industries.

The RDCs are service providers to industry and government, and their role is to prioritise, invest in and evaluate RD&E, and in some cases market access, market development and commodity promotion (CRRDC, 2017). AWI reports against a suite of indicators so that the RDCs can communicate performance and impact beyond the economic analysis undertaken in the joint Impact and Assessment Program. The table below highlights the response to the measures for the past three financial years.

		2021/22 FY		
INDICATOR	MEASURE	2020/21 PROGRESS	2021/22 PROGRESS	2022/23
Indicator 1: Benefit cost ratio	Calculating benefit cost ratio for projects or group of randomly selected projects.	N/A	Three impact assessments report completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Campaign – 2020 • International Woolmark Prize • China Campaign - 2021 	Four Impact Assessment and Evaluation of the 2019/22 Strategic Plan were completed. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. International Woolmark Prize • 2. Cabaia • 3. Cubus • 4. Lifetime Ewe Mangement
Indicator 2: Total Factor Productivity	None – would not report until 2023	N/A	N/A	Unadjusted TFP annual growth rate remains static which is slightly lower than the climate adjusted TFP (0.2%)
Indicator 3: Economic Contribution	None – would not report until 2023	N/A	N/A	Rate of return on capital, excluding capital appreciation, using a 3-year rolling average per farm was 0.8%
Indicator 4: Leverage	The amount of non-government sourced funding	The non-govt sourced revenue was A\$6.7m.	The non-govt sourced revenue was A\$7.1m.	The non-govt sourced revenue was A\$9.6m
Indicator 5: Collaboration	Number of cross-RDC projects and allocation	AWI collaborated with 254 industry partners from farm to fashion. There were 35 collaborations (13 out 14 RDC collaboration) with RDC's across 30 projects.	AWI collaborated with 245 industry partners from farm to fashion. There were 55 collaborations (13 out 14 RDC collaboration) with RDC's across 25 projects.	AWI collaborated with 185 industry partners from farm to fashion. There were 41 collaborations (13 out 14 RDC collaboration) with RDC's across 24 projects.

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Indicator 6: Capability	The number of researchers supported by RDCs (PhD scholarships, post-doctoral fellowships, new & continuing)	In progress	2 post doctoral and 5 Phd students.	10 Phd students and 7 post doctoral.
Indicator 7: Services	Percentage of levy payers/members satisfied with RDC services	The 2021 Woolgrower Sentiment Survey showed that 75% of woolgrowers were positive about the future of the Australia wool industry (up from 54% in 2020).	The 2022 Woolgrower Sentiment Survey showed that 65% of the woolgrowers that they were positive about the future of the Australian Wool Industry.	The 2022 Woolgrower Sentiment Survey showed that 41% of the woolgrowers that they were positive about the future of the Australian Wool Industry.
Indicator 8: Engagement	Percentage of levy payers/members satisfied with RDC engagement	6.2/10 woolgrowers were satisfied with AWI engagement in the 2021 Woolgrower Sentiment Survey.	In the 2022 Woolgrower Sentiment Survey, 5.8/10 woolgrowers stated that they were satisfied with how AWI engages with growers.	In the 2022 Woolgrower Sentiment Survey, 5.4/10 woolgrowers stated that they were satisfied with how AWI engages with growers.
Indicator 9: Sustainability	Questions pertaining to sustainability: (a) do you have a sustainability agenda in place? (Y/N) (b) how long has it been in place? (c) what are some demonstrated achievements under this agenda?	In progress	AWI is a co-founder with MLA in the Sheep Sustainability Framework which guides AWI's project investments targeting sustainability in the wool industry. The SSF has been in place since 21 April 2021, and it has delivered its first report: Home Sheep Sustainability sheepsustainabilityframework.com.au	The Sheep Sustainability Framework was launched in 2021. The first annual report was published in 2022. https://www.sheepsustainabilityframework.com.au/ssf-update-22 This document reports data on industry progress against key sustainability priorities across the Australian sheep industry's domestic value chain.
Indicator 10: Diversity	Questions pertaining to Diversity: (a) do you have a diversity & inclusion agenda in place? (Y/N) (b) how long has it been in place? (c) what are some demonstrated achievements under this agenda?	Gender diversity is evident at AWI as 62% are female and 38% are male.	Gender diversity is evident at AWI as 62% are female and 38% employed are male.	Gender diversity is evident at AWI as 63% are female and 37% employed are male.