



# AFAM ITAB

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## Smart and Skilled update - \$15 million boost for AgSkilled

The Minns Labor Government has announced a \$15 million investment over three years to extend the AgSkilled workforce training program, reinforcing its role in supporting a skilled agricultural workforce across New South Wales.

The Government announced the funding at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and will use it to support farmers and agribusinesses with ongoing access to job ready training. AgSkilled delivers targeted training across cropping, livestock, agronomy, agricultural technology and digital capabilities, machinery operations, safety, supervision and business management allowing businesses to build capability in key areas.

This funding will support delivery where and when it is needed most, expanding access in regional and remote New South Wales and aligning training with seasonal work patterns. It brings certainty for training providers to plan delivery, invest in equipment and specialist trainers, and align training with local industry needs.

The AgSkilled program delivers strong outcomes across regional communities, with consistently high completion rates. In 2024-25 more than 2,300 participants completed over 770 courses across 188 locations achieving a 96 per cent completion rate. The previous year saw more than 2,400 participants complete more than 600 courses, with a 96 per cent completion rate.

Read the [Ministerial media release](#).

Visit the [AgSkilled website](#) to learn more, or contact Ben at AFAM [bholmes@skillsinsight.com.au](mailto:bholmes@skillsinsight.com.au) for further information.



## AFAM ITAB open tender

The NSW Government has opened the tender for continuation of the ITAB program from June 2026 for an 18-month period. AFAM and its operational partner [MINTRAC](#) (National Meat Advisory Training Council) are working to develop proposals for continuing to provide ITAB services.

Please contact Ben at AFAM [bholmes@skillsinsight.com.au](mailto:bholmes@skillsinsight.com.au) if you have any questions or concerns or would like to support the application for continuation of ITAB services.

Learn more about the [tender opportunity](#).

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