Outlook for the horticulture sector

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High fruit and vegetable prices to continue

Fresh produce components of the Consumer Price Index

Source: ABS
Overseas workers most needed right now

Estimated number of casual and contract labour in 2018–19

- Non-local Australian or New Zealand workers
- Local Australian or New Zealand workers
- Overseas casual and contract labour
Impact on regions and produce felt differently

Changes in overseas worker numbers, Nov 2018 to Feb 2019

Distribution of overseas workers, states and territories, 2018–19
Favourable demand prospects

Changes in retail turnovers in 2020

Food budget around 10% of household expenditure

Source: ABS

Source: World Bank