

## COMPANY SPOTLIGHT - COSTA GROUP

**Costa Group (CGC) is Australia's leading grower, packer and marketer of premium quality fresh fruit and vegetables and is therefore a major supplier of nutritious and healthy produce both Australia-wide and overseas.**

The company is a major feature of the more than 30 rural and regional communities it operates in; employing the equivalent of over 11,000 full-time employees and offering university scholarships and a graduate development program aimed at regional students. Costa's 5,000+ planted hectares grow citrus, berry, avocado, and banana crops, in addition to 30 hectares of tomato glasshouses and three mushroom growing facilities. Costa also operates majority owned joint ventures covering six blueberry farms in Morocco and four berry farms in China.

Whilst the company is by its nature exposed to droughts and other weather challenges, this year the company's resilient business model helped ensure the continued supply of essential fresh produce to households throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Costa's Sustainable Commercial Farming strategy aims to achieve greater yield and quality outcomes for each hectare farmed using fewer inputs for production with a reduced environmental impact. Guided by its Horticultural Innovation and Technology Committee, the company invests in innovative technologies aimed at reducing waste and adapting to challenges presented by water security and climate change issues.



### KPIs

- Planted area: 5,000 ha (CY20)
- Fruit & vegetable categories: 6 (CY20)

### CGC Sub-Goal Alignment:

**SDG 2.4** Ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices.

**SDG 2.1** End hunger and ensure access by all people to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.



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