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Top marks for Tassie ag research

The University of Tasmania has confirmed its position as one of the leading agricultural research institutes in Australia.

The Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018 National Report awarded the University of Tasmania the highest possible rating of 5 (well above world standard) in both agriculture, land, and farm management and horticultural production.

The University was also rated 4 (above world standard) in crop and pasture production, making it the only Australian university to receive an above world standard rating in all three of these areas.

Agriculture research at the University is undertaken by the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA), which is a joint venture between the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government.

TIA Associate Head of Research Professor Ted Lefroy said the results were a reflection of the institute's impact-driven research environment.

"The world faces a tremendous challenge: How do we feed more people sustainably in a changing climate?" Professor Lefroy said.

"Tasmania is leading the way because of our highly collaborative, cutting-edge research into keeping food safe, sustainable and profitable."

"This also feeds back into the teaching program - our students learn from some of the nation's best agricultural experts and have access to the latest research and innovation."

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