Agricultural overview
Australian farm production is forecast to be $60 billion.

Economic overview
World growth to be 3.9% in 2018 and 2019.

Seasonal conditions
Drought conditions are affecting crop and pasture production in eastern Australia. In the west, winter rain has boosted production.

Wheat
Adverse seasonal conditions to lower global production and drive wheat prices higher.

Coarse grains
Barley prices to increase due to falling world coarse grain stocks.

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a US no. 2 hard red winter, fob Gulf. b France feed barley, fob Rouen.
Oilseeds
Canola prices to rise, reflecting an increase in Chinese imports and a fall in exportable supplies.

Sugar
Sugar prices to fall to a 17-year low, driven by record world supplies.

Cotton
Record world cotton demand to increase prices and lower stocks.

Horticulture
Horticultural exports to increase, reflecting rising demand from Asia for fresh produce.

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c Europe rapeseed, fob Hamburg. d Intercontinental Exchange, nearby futures, no. 11 contract (October to September). e Cotlook ‘A’ index. f Total export value of horticultural products.
Beef and veal
Australian cattle prices to fall due to higher production and export market competition.

Sheep meat
Lamb prices to rise, driven by strong export demand.

Wool
Declines in Australian wool production and sustained global demand to support high prices.

Dairy
Milk prices to rise due to a falling Australian dollar and increased competition for milk.

Pig
Reduced production and sustained demand to support prices.

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a Australian weighted average saleyard price of beef cattle. b Australian weighted average saleyard price of lamb. c Eastern Market Indicator price, clean equivalent. d Australian average farmgate milk price. e Australian weighted over-the-hooks pig price.