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Special Issue: Agricultural Supply Chains in Regional Development: Issues, Policies and Practices in Northern Australia

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Overview: The Australian agriculture sector accounts for 2.7% of GDP, 2.5% of employment and 14% of total export income and has a significant contribution to the rural and regional economy. A well-developed supply chain is considered an essential component of a competitive strategy for regional development. Agricultural supply chain performance across Australia varies from region to region—generally, southern regions are considered more advanced than northern regions. This special issue of *AJRS* is focusing on the issues, policies and practices of the agricultural supply chain in Northern Australia and on linkage in agriculture supply chains as key drivers of the economic development of rural and regional Australia.

The following **topic areas** are of particular interest for this Special Edition; however, any research falling within the broad theme will be thoroughly and expeditiously considered:

1. Issues, opportunities and barriers of agricultural supply chain development for regional Australia
2. Synergies between regional development and agricultural supply chain policies
3. Role of logistics and enabling infrastructure in agricultural supply chain development for regional Australia
4. Resources, collaboration and innovation in supply chain development for regional Australia
5. Economic impacts of agriculture supply chain on local and regional communities.

Deadline for submissions: 30 July 2020.

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