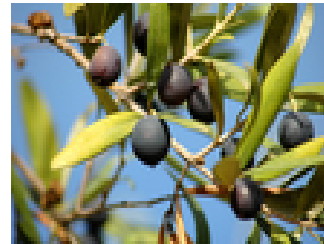


Research Directions

Office of Research Services

Developing an Olive Field Guide

Associate Professor Robert Spooner-Hart from the Centre for Plant and Food Science is working with funding from the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) to develop an olive pest and disease field guide.



Olive production is the most rapidly developing horticultural industry in Australia.

'The key objective of this project is to produce a user-friendly pocket field guide book for use by growers and industry consultants' said Professor Spooner-Hart. 'The guide will have images and extensive information on major pests and diseases of Australian olives'.

The guide book will be produced with information obtained from a previous research project conducted by Professor Spooner-Hart with the RIRDC, *Sustainable pest and disease management in Australian olive production*. It will use information collected from a national grower survey, grower workshops, and olive grove monitoring.

The guide book will enable growers to more accurately identify key olive pests and diseases — as well as advising them on the beneficial species to grow. It is hoped the use of this knowledge on the farm will produce a significant reduction in misuse/overuse of pesticides as growers will be able to produce olives using an appropriate selection of control options.

Project Title: *Development of olive pest and disease field guide*

Funding has been set at: \$24,000.

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