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## Market Grower Fact Sheet Reduce Your Costs



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**By having a farm that is running well you can reduce your costs and prevent fines under NSW environmental law.**



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### You can reduce costs by:

Checking your farm irrigation system to make sure irrigation water is not leaving your farm and taking away valuable fertilisers, chemicals and soil.

- Getting a soil analysis to find out the right type and amount of fertiliser for your soil and plants
- Speaking to the Department of Primary Industries for advice on how to avoid over-fertilising on 02 4588 2107
- Not applying fertilisers too close to creeks, rivers or dams
- Ensuring your farm drains can capture rainwater and irrigation water flowing from farmed areas
- Storing water in drains, dams, detention ponds, vegetated wetlands or grass filter strips.
- Regularly placing soil captured by drains and dams back onto your farm
- Stopping soil from washing away by planting cover crops and not leaving paddocks bare for weeks before planting
- Encouraging local native plants to grow next to creek and river banks. This will help prevent soil erosion and absorb excess nutrients and chemicals
- Planting wind breaks along the boundary of your farm to prevent soil loss

This **Market Grower Fact Sheet** is part of a series designed to support growers from a non-English speaking background. For more information please contact your local Council. If you require an interpreter call TIS on 131 450.

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