

Feel the Earth Beneath Your Feet

Celebrating Australia's First AgDay, 21 Nov 2017

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High rise towers to the sky with everything we want to buy in shopping centres and gourmet cafes,

City life is easy now but it was through the land and by the plow we made Australia what it is today.

Looking back at the nation's past and how to make the good times last, Australia's agriculture leads the way...

And feel the earth beneath your feet, far beyond the city streets,

Where golden rows of wheat and barley stand.

See the shearing of the sheep, hear the cattle the stockmen keep,

On stations and farms across the land.

The finest wool the world has known, from Merino sheep bred and grown on Macarthur's farm two centuries ago,

Farms were built across the nation, raising sheep on outback stations the country's industry began to grow.

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Where Wagyu graze and green forests stand.

Find orchards with tall fruit trees, fresh cream and eggs and cheese

On poultry farms and dairies across the land.

Cattle grew strong on the Cumberland Plain, the drovers went over the Dividing Range, moving on when drought turned pastures brown.

MacDonalds made the longest cattle drive to where the Northern rain makes green grass thrive, and opened a track all the way to Fossil Downs.

Reaching out to the next generation, filling the needs of a growing nation,

Australia's agricultural industries...

See the ocean fishing fleet, and pearls the divers seek,

Where the harvest comes from land and from the sea,

From grapes grown on an Aussie vine, raise a glass of the finest wine,

To Australia's agricultural destiny.