

Purple Pear Farm is a small holding of 14 acres in the Hunter Valley in New South Wales.

We grow organic vegetables and distribute them through a Community Supported Agriculture project. There are currently 20 families who receive a box of food each week from the farm and we look to increase that number into the future.

The viability of our business relies very much on the weather and in recent years it has become less and less possible to rely on a weather pattern that allows for food production.

We strive daily to overcome challenges in access to water and in communications. wireless mobile broadband is sketchy at best and getting accurate information difficult even though we are close to Maitland and water from housing development in this rapidly growing city is wasted when it could be used for agriculture.

We need urgent action from the government on arresting the impact we are having on the climate to allow food growing to sustain our communities.

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