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Avoiding the saleyards – lessons from direct marketing

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Free Range Pigs

 Objective was to direct market and establish Tasmania's first commercial free range pig farm.





Happy healthy outdoor pigs







Direct marketing

- Establishing a brand
- Place of origin Mount Gnomon Farm
- Direct marketing
- Butcher/abattoir
- Restaurants
- Hill Street Grocers





Opening the farm





Engaging the community





Pigsaw puzzle, control of process





Product development



Original recipes - uniqueness







Farmers markets







Festivals



Utilise the media – all forms



Agritourism – functions and future directions





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Large function space





Agritourism – What is suited to your location?







All weather venue

Top three take home messages

- 1. Is there a market opportunity?
- 2. Community engagement tell your story.
- 3. Be original learn from others but copying rarely works. Product differentiation-branding but also develop your own products



Tools, resources & training

- Business support groups, Sprout, Seedlab,
 State Growth, Digital Ready.
- Chat to other producers.
- Podcasts, websites.





Remain optimistic

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