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Marcus Brandsema takes on India	Exploding watermelons
Marcus Brandsema, our 2010 Global Insights Award winner is on the last leg of his study trip to undertake research in areas which will benefit his industry (Tomatoes). Not only has it been a learning curve culture wise, but it also appears he has found that some interesting technological developments have been taking place in India. Big thanks to Marcus for providing us with entertainment via his regular updates on his adventures and experiences!	This story comes to us from Richard Bennett (Horticulture Australia Limited) and Graham McAlpine. China is at the centre of a new food scandal as fields of watermelons are destroyed after farmers mistakenly apply growth accelerator. This application has caused the watermelons to split. Type "Exploding watermelons" into any search engine and you will find out (lots) more, or watch this video: http://bit.ly/ldkeB2
Jane Lovell resigns	Carbon Footprinting and Labelling workshop
Jane Lovell, TQA Australia's longest serving (and only) Managing Director has left the company after 13+ years at the helm. A farewell dinner was held for Jane – see the TQA Australia website for some photos of the night. Jane leaves us to take up a position with Richard Colebeck, Liberal Senator for Tasmania. We wish her all the best in her new role.	TQA Australia will be running six workshops around Australia to help primary producers understand the language, trends and tools around carbon footprinting and labelling. The first of these is to be held in Campbell Town on June 16. Go to www.tqainc.com.au/notice_board.html for more details and to register.

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