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#### Question

1. Does a business operator own annual crops growing on a land owner's land when the business operator pays all the expenses for the crops?

#### **Answer**

2. Yes.

#### Explanation

3. Provided no agreement to the contrary exists between the business operator and the land owner, the ATO accepts that a business operator owns annual crops growing on another entity's land when the business operator pays all expenses for the crops.