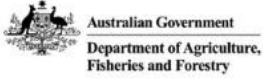


# SEQ SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE NEWS – OCT 2025



## What's been happening?

### Cattle, Carbon & Sustainability Workshop in SEQ

In collaboration with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries, we hosted the Cattle, Carbon & Sustainability Workshops in Toogoolawah and Boonah, providing participants with practical tools to reduce emissions. Led by experts including DPI's Billie Standfield and carbon farmer Christophe Bur, these sessions covered carbon baselining, emission reduction strategies, and navigating carbon markets. Over 40 producers learned to quantify their farm's carbon footprint using calculators and discussed best practices including planned rotational grazing.

***These workshops were supported through funding from the Australian Government's Climate-Smart Agriculture program under the Natural Heritage Trust and from the Queensland Government through the Farm Business Resilience Program.***



*Presenters and participants from the Carbon, Cattle and Sustainability Workshop held at Toogoolawah.*

## Boosting producers' bull selection knowledge

In July, together with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries, we hosted hands-on Bull Selection & Fertility Workshops in Toogoolawah and Boonah, led by DPI's Tim Emery and local livestock vets Bill Roughan (South East Country Vets) and Dave Nolan (Peak Vets). The practical sessions covered breeding objectives, bull soundness evaluations, morphology and EBV use—aimed at enhancing herd performance and farm profitability and emphasising the important link between optimising fertility and reducing on-farm emissions. With over 80 producers attending over the two days the workshops were a hit!

***These workshops were supported through funding from the Australian Government's Climate-Smart Agriculture program under the Natural Heritage Trust.***



*80 producers attended the Bull Selection & Fertility Workshops over Toogoolawah and Boonah.*

## Healthy Soils Workshop: Dayboro

In partnership with the Pine Rivers Catchment Association, we hosted a Healthy Soils Workshop in Dayboro on 11 July 2025. Facilitated by agricultural consultant David Hall, the workshop guided producers through interpreting soil tests, understanding key soil health drivers, and matching nutrient inputs to crop and soil needs. The event aimed to support landholders in improving soil fertility, farm productivity, and environmental sustainability across the region.

***This event was supported by the Australian Government with funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.***

## Fire Management Planning Workshops: Kerry & Emu Creek

Healthy Land & Water recently hosted Fire Management Planning Workshops in Kerry and Emu Creek, helping landholders develop tailored fire management strategies and property maps. The workshops focused on reducing wildfire risks, protecting homes and valuable assets, and promoting biodiversity conservation. Participants learned practical fire prevention and response techniques, with attention to both agricultural production and cultural values. These sessions empowered producers to better safeguard their properties and communities.



**The workshops were supported through the Queensland Government's Natural Resources Recovery Program and the Australian Government's Climate-Smart Agriculture Program, respectively.**

*Hannah Etchells from Healthy Land & Water's Queensland Fire & Biodiversity Consortium showed landholders how to complete a fire hazard assessment.*

## Multi-species pastures for soil health and productivity with Dr. Christine Jones

Recently the Somerset Beef Group and Healthy Land & Water organised a field day, where internationally renowned groundcover and soil ecologist, Dr Christine Jones delivered a compelling presentation titled "Soil as a Living System."

Her talk explored the intricate relationships between plants, microbes, and soil structure and how these interactions shape the health and productivity of our agricultural systems. One of the key takeaways was the power of diversity with multi-species pastures fostering microbial richness, encouraging cooperation and resilience across the plant community, with these benefits amplified when at least four plant families are represented in the pasture.

The day, which was supported through funding from the Australian Government's Climate-Smart Agriculture program, visited two local properties where landholders have been planting winter-active multi-species into their pastures, to improve soil health, pasture productivity and resilience.



*Jessamy Zerner and Grant Pringle, Drought & Innovation Hub Extension Officer (right), Healthy Land & Water, investigating pasture performance and root activity in a multi-species pasture.*

## Nicole Masters Soil Health Workshop

Team members, Jessica and Jessamy attended Nicole Masters Soil Health Workshop at Tessavale as facilitators. The three-day workshop was designed for farmers and food producers seeking more profitable, productive, and regenerative approaches to land management. This was a great opportunity to practice facilitation skills that can be applied at future workshops while also getting exposure to the knowledge and expertise of Nicole and her team. Topics covered included:

- Pest and disease identification and proactive management.
- Optimising nutrient, water, and carbon cycles.
- Using weeds as indicators for environmental factors.
- Identifying and overcoming drags on performance.
- Creating actionable plans.



*Attendees at author and soil coach, Nicole Masters Soil Health Workshop.*

A big thank you to our neighbours Burnett Mary Regional Group for running this event and allowing us to be a part of it.

## Team updates: Emily Hedger

We are pleased to welcome Emily Hedger who joined the Sustainable Agriculture team in April as a Project Officer and Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator working over the Natural Resource Recovery Program and Climate-Smart Agriculture projects.

With a background in research beef, dairy and AgTech alongside wildlife science, Emily is able to combine her academic background with knowledge of farming to assist producers in adopting new and exciting technologies and strategies whilst working to improve their production while building natural capital.





## Fire ant zones update



As of August and September, Queensland's fire ant biosecurity zones have been revised to include parts of the City of Gold Coast, Isaac Regional Council (Moranbah mine site), the Lockyer Valley, Moreton Bay, and Scenic Rim. Residents and businesses in these areas must follow movement controls and report sightings promptly after new detection sites are discovered because of the movement of materials containing fire ants from the SEQ fire ant zones.

Operators in fire ant biosecurity zones must thoroughly check and clean all machinery and tools before moving off-site, including slashers, excavators, wheelbarrows, shovels, trucks, and loaders. Inspect key components—like buckets, frames, blades, and rims—for soil or organic debris where fire ants may hide.

If you find ants, do not move the equipment; report them

immediately at [fireants.org.au](https://www.fireants.org.au) or call 13 22 68. Use scraping, brushing, washing, steam cleaning, or air-blasting to remove materials that fire ants nest in.

Image source: <https://www.fireants.org.au/about-us/news-and-events/news/fire-ant-biosecurity-zone-changes-august-2025>

## New Feeder Heifer Indicator gives producers clearer market signals

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) has launched the National Feeder Heifer Indicator (NFHI) to give producers better visibility of feeder heifer prices across the country. This new tool is especially valuable for those managing turn-off timing, assessing market trends, or considering lot-feeding options.

The NFHI reports a seven-day rolling average for heifers over 200 kg sold through saleyards nationwide. It tracks liveweight prices, head counts, and provides filters by state, region, or saleyard—offering producers real-time, location-specific insights.

The indicator complements the existing Feeder Steer Indicator, helping you compare markets and make informed decisions about managing both male and female lines. With increasing female turnoff and changing supply dynamics, the NFHI is a timely addition to MLA's market reporting suite. The indicators have been developed in response to recommendations from the 2017 ACCC report on improving competition across the beef and wider cattle industry.

Producers can access the NFHI anytime via the MLA website: [mla.com.au/prices-markets/cattle/feederheifer](https://mla.com.au/prices-markets/cattle/feederheifer)

## Crop loss and waste down—but still a concern for growers



New ABARES data shows average crop loss and waste on Australian horticultural farms dropped to 20% in 2023–24, down from 25% the previous year. The reduction reflects fewer extreme weather events, particularly less flooding and heavy rain.

Despite the improvement, losses remain significant and vary by crop. Mango growers experienced the highest losses—up to 37%—while pineapple farms reported the lowest at just 8%. Around 63% of growers said weather shocks were the main cause of on-farm waste.

More growers are finding alternative uses for unsellable produce, with recovery rates rising from 10% to 16% year-on-year. Common recovery uses include compost, livestock feed, or donation. These insights help growers better understand the risks, benchmark performance, and identify areas to reduce waste and boost returns.

Find out more here <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/surveys/horticulture-crop-loss-23-24#daff-page-main>

## H7 avian influenza eradicated – Queensland poultry producers can breathe easy

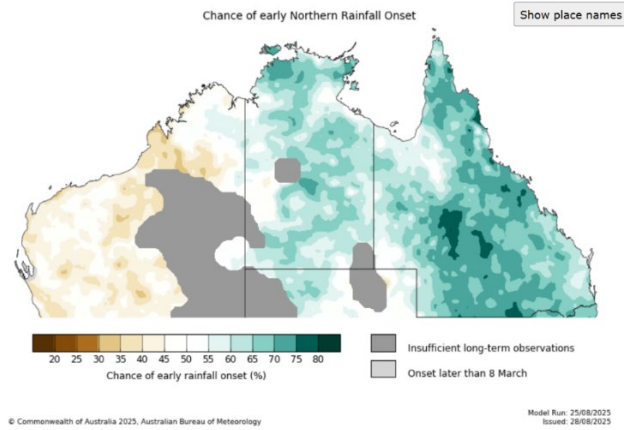


The recent outbreak of H7 high-pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in Victoria has been successfully eradicated, with no new cases detected since February 2025 and eradication officially declared on 13 June 2025. While Queensland was not directly affected, the incident underscores the importance of maintaining stringent biosecurity measures. Producers are encouraged to continue implementing best practices to prevent the introduction and spread of avian influenza.

For guidance on biosecurity protocols, refer to the National Farm Biosecurity Manual for Poultry Production. If you observe any unusual bird deaths or signs of illness, report them immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline at **1800 675 888**.

# Northern Rainfall Onset Outlook: What it means for South East Queensland producers

This is the final issue of the northern rainfall onset forecast for the 2025–26 season.



The Bureau of Meteorology's latest Northern Rainfall Onset Outlook indicates a 60–80% chance of an earlier-than-normal northern rainfall onset across much of Queensland for the 2025–26 season. For producers in South East Queensland, this suggests that the first significant rains after 1 September are likely to arrive earlier than usual, potentially stimulating plant growth sooner than expected.

Given the region's subtropical climate, early rains can influence planting schedules, irrigation planning, and pest management strategies. Monitor local forecasts closely and adjust plans accordingly. Utilising tools like the Bureau's Climate Data Online service can provide detailed, location-specific information to assist in decision-making.

Image source: <https://www.bom.gov.au/climate/rainfall-onset/#tabs=Outlook>

## Second chances: Turning close calls into culture change

Australia's farms endured a grim reversal in 2024, with on-farm fatalities surging to 72, more than double the 32 recorded in 2023—the lowest in decades. This year's National Farm Safety Week (July 20–26) carries a deeply human message: "Second Chances – Who Knows How Many You'll Get?"

The campaign urges producers to pause after "close calls"—those near misses that thankfully didn't turn tragic—and share what went differently next time. Safety, Farmsafe Australia Chair Felicity Richards reminds us, isn't about blame—it's about care and learning.



New data highlights shifting risks: side-by-side vehicles (SSVs) have replaced quads and tractors as the leading cause of fatalities, while fatigue, communication lapses, and child safety gaps remain persistent threats.

Let's turn second chances into safer habits—through toolbox talks, honest conversations, and watching out for each other. A safer farm starts with the lesson we take before it's too late.

Image source: FarmSafe Safer Farms report 2025 <https://farmsafe.org.au/safer-farms-report-2025>

## Turning “weeds” into feed: Reviving unproductive pastures

New research at the Brian Pastures Research Facility is offering producers clear guidance on reviving tired pastures. Trials on overgrown leucaena and rundown grass-dominated paddocks show measurable gains in productivity with targeted renovation.

In the leucaena trial, paddocks where rows were cleaned and plants pruned to ~40 cm saw a 35% increase in light penetration, encouraging the return of palatable grasses like Bisset bluegrass and Rhodes grass. Early data suggests a 25% boost in dry matter yield compared to unrenovated sites.

Meanwhile, in heavily worn grass paddocks dominated by Indian couch, test plots that underwent weed control, rest periods, and reseeded showed up to 30% higher ground cover and a 20% improvement in feed quality within the first 12 months.

Importantly, all treatments were tested under real grazing pressures, keeping outcomes practical and relevant for commercial operations. The message is clear: strategic renovation—especially light, timely interventions—can breathe life back into low-performing country. For graziers managing legacy paddocks, these findings offer a roadmap to restore productivity without major re-investment.



Image source: <https://futurebeef.com.au/weeds-or-feed-breathing-new-life-into-unproductive-pastures/>

## Help track rabbit viruses: CSIRO needs Qld producers

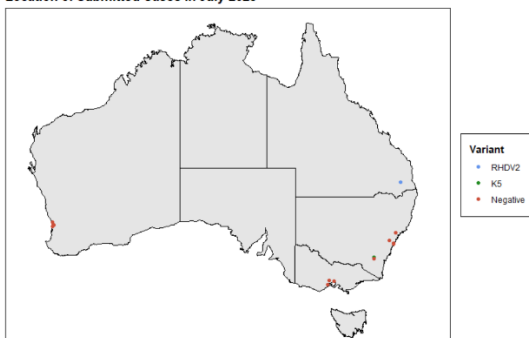
Feral rabbits cost Australian agriculture around \$239 million each year, damaging pastures, increasing erosion, and competing with livestock. To improve biocontrol strategies, CSIRO is calling on producers to help monitor

Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) also known as Rabbit Calicivirus or Lagovirus.

Through a national citizen science program, producers can request a free sample kit to collect liver tissue from deceased rabbits and send it to CSIRO for analysis. This data helps track the spread and evolution of rabbit viruses, directly supporting more effective, targeted rabbit control.

Queensland graziers play a vital role, particularly in areas where rabbit impacts are rising. **To request a kit, email [rabbitalcivirus@csiro.au](mailto:rabbitalcivirus@csiro.au) or learn more here:**

Location of Submitted Cases in July 2025



<https://research.csiro.au/rhdv/testing/>

Image source: <https://research.csiro.au/rhdv/june-july-2025-update/>

## Biosecurity alert: Locusts in Queensland

South East Queensland landholders remain on high alert following the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) latest update on 15 September 2025. Although no locusts or nymphs have been detected in the south-east region yet, DPI staff are actively inspecting properties, and community participation is essential to keep it that way. As of publishing, locusts have been detected in the Barcardine region.

Recent seasonal conditions—especially timely rains and milder winter weather—have created ideal breeding grounds for locusts across Queensland, leading to outbreaks of migratory locusts in Central and North Queensland.

Residents are encouraged to thoroughly monitor paddocks—especially after rainfall—for signs of nymphs congregating in bands, which typically appear around two weeks after hatching. Be particularly vigilant for groups exceeding 80 hoppers per square metre, a commonly used threshold for early warning.

Under Queensland's general biosecurity obligation, managing locusts falls primarily to landholders. Control measures are most effective when locusts are still in the nymph stage, using approved insecticides to significantly reduce numbers within 2 to 48 hours.

Report any significant locust activity immediately—via phone (13 25 23), email ([locustreports@dpi.qld.gov.au](mailto:locustreports@dpi.qld.gov.au)), or online.



*Chortoicetes terminifera* ([Australian plague locust](#))



*Locusta migratoria* ([Migratory locust](#))



*Austracris guttulosa* ([Spur-throated locust](#))



*Gastrimargus musicus* ([Yellow-winged locust](#))

Image sources: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/insects/field-crop/locusts>

## Prosper 2050: What it means for producers in South East Queensland

The Queensland Government's Prosper 2050 strategy sets out a long-term plan to grow the state's primary industries to \$30 billion by 2030. For producers in South East Queensland, this means more support for innovation, market access, and infrastructure to help you stay competitive.



Key priorities include improving supply chains, making it easier to adopt new technologies, attracting and training skilled workers, and streamlining red tape. Local action plans are being developed to reflect the specific needs of each region—including SEQ—so producers have a say in how the strategy is delivered on the ground.

Whether you're looking to value-add, upgrade equipment, or expand market access, Prosper 2050 aims to back your business into the future.

Stay informed and involved through upcoming consultation sessions to ensure the strategy delivers where it matters—on your farm.

Image Source: <https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/88d833dd-792f-4298-9a09-96ec57437caf/resource/1e73e247-38b2-46b4-8b5d-101a7667eb15/download/prosper2050.pdf>

## Queensland's 25-year timber future

The Queensland Government has released a landmark draft Queensland Future Timber Plan (QFTP)—a 25-year strategy to ensure a secure, sustainable timber supply for building one million homes by 2044. This plan forms a key component of the broader Primary Industries Prosper 2050 blueprint.



The QFTP, being co-designed with industry, outlines priority areas including:

- Securing sustainable timber supply for housing, construction, and infrastructure.
- Enhancing competitiveness across supply chains.
- Streamlining regulation to deliver community benefits.
- Building a skilled regional forestry workforce.
- Driving industry innovation through research, development, and extension.

Public consultation on the draft closed on 3 September 2025. Stakeholder feedback will now shape the final plan and the first five-year Action Plan, to be co-developed with the Timber Supply Chain Ministerial Stakeholder Roundtable.

Producers and industry members are encouraged to subscribe to Forestry News for updates and developments on the QFTP and its implementation. This plan marks a generational opportunity to build a resilient, locally driven timber industry.

Image source: <https://dpi.engagementhub.com.au/qld-future-timber-plan>

## Are you a producer involved with Carbon Farming or who has adopted Advanced Renewables Energy Sources?

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) is conducting vital research into the impact of decarbonisation initiatives within broadacre farming systems. This research, which is led by Sana Bashir, is specifically evaluating how Carbon Farming Projects and/or the adoption of Advanced Renewable Energy Sources impact:

- Green Total Factor Productivity (GTFP).
- Sustainable Performance.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

As the social and political pressure intensifies on regional communities to decarbonise, it is vital that we gain a better understanding of the impacts that this has on production and business performance. To ensure that this research is accurate and relevant to the agricultural community, it is essential that Sana can conduct interviews with real landholders in the region.

If you are interested in supporting this research, please contact Sana via email or by phone.

(e) [Sana.Bashir@unisa.edu.au](mailto:Sana.Bashir@unisa.edu.au) (m) 0477 989 821



### Grants & Awards

## \$1 Billion regional investment boost delivers vital support for Qld farmers – Closing June 2026

In a key win for Australian agriculture, the government has injected an additional \$1 billion into the Regional Investment Corporation (RIC), bringing total concessional loan funding available to over \$5 billion. This expansion promises to bolster the financial resilience of Queensland producers, especially those managing drought, cost pressures, or planning productivity upgrades.

The broadened RIC scope now includes support for climate resilience investments and aligns with the nation's net-zero transition goals. Over 3,400 loans have already provided more than \$3.6 billion in on-farm benefits, giving producers the breathing space needed to plan, adapt, and grow.

Queensland producers are encouraged to explore RIC's concessional loan options as a strategic tool to enhance farm resilience, sustainability, and future-readiness.

#### How to apply:

Queensland producers can explore loan options and check eligibility by visiting the Regional Investment Corporation website at <https://www.ric.gov.au/>. The site offers application guides, loan calculators, and direct access to the online application portal. For personalised support, producers can also contact RIC's customer service team on 1800 875 675.

## **\$20M in grants available for drought innovation projects – SEQ producers encouraged to apply – Closing 22 October 2025**

A new \$20 million grant opportunity is now open under the Future Drought Fund's Drought Resilience Innovation Challenges Pilot, designed to support producer-led, innovative solutions to help agriculture adapt to increasing drought and climate variability.

The program is seeking large-scale, transformational projects that align with one of three key themes:

- Advancing National Capital and Biodiversity for Drought Preparedness.
- Innovating Water Management for Enhanced Drought Resilience.
- Enhancing Community Resilience in Agricultural Regions.

Grants of up to \$2 million per project are available, with applications closing on **22 October 2025**. Projects must be submitted by a consortium, and must include producers, grower groups, or agricultural organisations as key partners. This ensures the ideas are grounded in real, on-farm challenges and opportunities.

For producers in South East Queensland, this is a chance to collaborate on forward-thinking projects that strengthen resilience, productivity, and community readiness for dry times ahead.

More information, including application guidelines and eligibility, is available at

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund/drought-resilience-innovation-challenges>

## **Disaster Recovery Grants now available for SEQ Producers – Closing 2 April 2026**

Primary producers in South East Queensland impacted by ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred and associated flooding (1–16 March 2025) can now access up to \$75,000 in Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants through QRIDA. Eligible producers can receive up to \$10,000 upfront to kickstart clean-up and recovery. A further \$65,000 is available as you provide evidence of eligible expenditure. This funding does not need to be repaid.

These grants can cover the cost of:

- Debris and livestock removal.
- Fencing repairs or replacement.
- Restoration of damaged infrastructure.
- Replacement of lost plants, seedlings, and farm equipment.
- Essential labour costs for recovery.

If your farm suffered direct damage and is in a declared disaster area, act now. Applications close **2 April 2026**.

Check your eligibility here <https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/exceptional-disaster-assistance-recovery-grants-tropical-cyclone-alfred-and-associated>

## Attention producers: Grants available for Local Environmental Action – Closing 8 October 2025

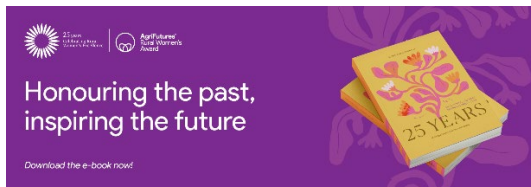
Queensland's new *Grassroots Environmental Grants* are now open in Round 1: Environmental Conservation, offering up to \$800,000 in funding for community-led environmental initiatives.

There are two categories:

- Up to \$15,000 (excl GST) for equipment/facility upgrades—think tools for weed control and revegetation, camera traps, PPE, efficient irrigation, water tanks, sheds etc.
- Up to \$30,000 (excl GST) for on-ground conservation projects such as restoring habitat, protecting biodiversity, erosion control, revegetation.

Eligible to apply are incorporated not-for-profit organisations, ACNC-registered charities, Indigenous corporations and Natural Resource Management (NRM) bodies that deliver environmental outcomes in their local area through community or volunteer involvement. Applications close **8 October 2025**. Submit via SmartyGrants: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/management/funding/environmental-grants/grassroots>. Producers with land or habitat, especially if employing conservation practices or looking to upgrade their environmental infrastructure, may benefit from applying.

## Empowering Rural Women: AgriFutures Rural Women's Award now open – Closing 7 November 2025



Are you a woman making a difference in rural or regional Australia? Applications are open for the 2025 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award, a prestigious opportunity recognising leadership, vision and impact.

This Award celebrates women driving change in rural industries, businesses, or communities—with no formal qualifications required. Each state and territory winner receives a \$15,000 bursary, enabling recipients to bring project ideas, programs, or businesses to life—whether commercial or community-focused. Finalists also gain significant professional development and access to a powerful network of peers and mentors.

If your idea or venture has momentum (or you're building toward launch), this could be your moment. Explore criteria and application details on the AgriFutures website <https://agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/rural-womens-award/> and get ready to amplify your impact in rural Australia. Submissions close on **7 November 2025**.

## Fencing for the future: What South East Queensland producers should know – Closing 31 October 2025

The Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI) Exclusion Fencing Grants Scheme is now open for eligible rural fencing projects. Under the scheme, grants will support construction of new exclusion fencing (not repairs) along property boundaries in rural or remote areas, provided they reduce predation (e.g. wild dogs) and are completed within three years. Grants can be up to \$5,000 per kilometre, capped at 50 km (i.e. \$250,000), with applicants required to provide a minimum 50% co-contribution.

- Applications close **31 October 2025**.
- All fencing works must be completed within 3 years of approval (i.e. by 31 October 2028 for this round).
- Applicants must acquit costs and finalise reporting by 30 April 2029 (assuming three years plus acquittal period).

Visit the QRIDA (Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority) website for application forms and guidelines: <https://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/qld-feral-pest-initiative>



### Events

#### How to Plan a Burn

**Location**

Cooroy (TBC)

**Day, Date**

Saturday 4 October 2025  
9am-2pm

The event is intended for landholders who are interested in taking steps to use fire as a management tool on their properties, whether they have already developed a property fire management plan or not. This workshop is an interactive, outdoor walk-and-talk where we will demonstrate the concepts and build your understanding while looking at how it all fits together in the bush.

Attendees will be taken through:

- The decision-making process required to determine an appropriate burn area.
- Understanding regulations and permits.
- On-ground preparation required.
- The impacts of weather, slope and vegetation (including weeds).
- Fuel hazard assessment techniques.
- Ignition techniques.
- Essential safety protocols and landholder responsibility.

Find out more: <https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/how-to-plan-a-burn-cooroy>

*The event is being delivered by the Queensland Fire & Biodiversity Consortium, in partnership with Noosa Council, through funding from the Queensland Government.*

<p><b>Pasture Development to Recover from Pasture Dieback</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Killarney</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Wednesday 8 October 2025 9am-4pm</p>	<p>Dieback is having a big impact on kikuyu and productivity. Now is the perfect time to rejuvenate your pastures. Join us for an information-packed day featuring expert advice, a look at demo sites discussing pasture replacement options and practical strategies to suit your property.</p> <p>Learn about pasture development to recover from pasture dieback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies to identify and manage pasture dieback.</li> <li>• How to select tolerant dieback species and legume for your situation.</li> <li>• Tips for managing legume-grass pastures for long term productivity and drought resilience.</li> <li>• Field walk to look at demonstration sites that are replacing pastures after pasture dieback.</li> </ul> <p>Presented by Queensland Department of Primary Industries' sown pastures specialists.</p> <p><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1459340">https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1459340</a></p>
<p><b>Building Pasture Resilience: Tackling Dieback &amp; Rebuilding Productivity Workshop</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Boonah Cultural Centre</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Thursday 9 October 2025 9am-3:30pm</p>	<p>Producers affected by or concerned about pasture dieback and looking to improve the resilience and productivity of their pasture systems through informed pasture establishment and species selection.</p> <p>What you'll learn on the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear the latest research and findings on pasture dieback from Qld and NSW experts.</li> <li>• Learn about proven strategies for successful pasture establishment and improvement.</li> <li>• Explore recommended grass and legume species that are better suited to your property and show resilience to dieback.</li> <li>• Tailoring grazing to support tropical species after kikuyu loss.</li> <li>• Understand what your new pasture needs.</li> </ul> <p>Participants will walk away with practical, tailored management strategies aligned with their specific pasture production goals and dieback resilience objectives—taking into account soil type, climate, production system, and preferred recovery approaches (renovation, replacement, or recovery).</p> <p>Register and find out more: <a href="https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/building-pasture-resilience-boonah">https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/building-pasture-resilience-boonah</a></p> <p><i>This event is delivered through the Queensland Pasture Resilience Program, which is a partnership between the Department of Primary Industries, Meat &amp; Livestock Australia and the Australian Government through the MLA Donor Company. The SQNSW Innovation Hub received funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.</i></p>
<p><b>Boosting Pasture Productivity Through Sown Pastures &amp; Legumes Workshop</b></p>	<p>What are the opportunities to improve your pasture system this summer?</p>

<p><b>Location</b> Toogoolawah Golf Club</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Friday 10 October 2025 9am–3:30pm</p>	<p>Producers looking to increase pasture productivity, improve grazing resilience, and integrate proven sown grass and legume species into their pasture systems for long-term benefits.</p> <p>What you'll gain from the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about the latest research and practical insights into sown pasture and legume systems.</li> <li>• Understand reliable methods for establishing and improving sown pastures in various soil and climate conditions.</li> <li>• Discover grass and legume species best suited to your region, production goals, and system requirements.</li> <li>• Hear directly from local producers who have successfully integrated legumes and sown grasses to boost performance and sustainability.</li> </ul> <p>Participants will leave with clear, region-specific management strategies and action plans to establish and maintain productive sown pastures and legumes, enhancing feed quality, soil health, and pasture longevity.</p> <p>Register and find out more: <a href="https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/boosting-pasture-productivity-toogoolawah">https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/boosting-pasture-productivity-toogoolawah</a></p> <p><i>This event is delivered through the Queensland Pasture Resilience Program, which is a partnership between the Department of Primary Industries, Meat &amp; Livestock Australia and the Australian Government through the MLA Donor Company. This project is funded by Queensland Government's Natural Resources Recovery Program.</i></p>
<p><b>Pasture Development to Recover from Pasture Dieback</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Upper Yarraman Farmers Hall</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Saturday 11 October 2025 9am-4pm</p>	<p>Dieback is having a big impact on kikuyu and productivity. Now is the perfect time to rejuvenate your pastures. Join us for an information-packed day featuring expert advice, a look at demo sites discussing pasture replacement options and practical strategies to suit your property.</p> <p>Learn about pasture development to recover from pasture dieback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies to identify and manage pasture dieback.</li> <li>• How to select tolerant dieback species and legume for your situation.</li> <li>• Tips for managing legume-grass pastures for long term productivity and drought resilience.</li> <li>• Field walk to look at demonstration sites that are replacing pastures after pasture dieback.</li> </ul> <p>Presented by Queensland Department of Primary Industries' sown pastures specialists.</p> <p><i>This event is delivered through the Queensland Pasture Resilience Program, which is a partnership between the Department of Primary Industries, Meat &amp; Livestock Australia and the Australian Government through the MLA Donor Company. This project is supported by the Australian Government with funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.</i></p> <p>Register with Ashlee - <a href="mailto:Ashlee.McCoist@outlook.com">Ashlee.McCoist@outlook.com</a></p>

<p><b>Australasia-Pacific Extension Network (APEN) International Conference</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Brisbane Showgrounds</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16 October 2025</p>	<p>This three-day face-to-face event brings together extension professionals, producers, researchers, policymakers, and innovators from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific. The program features high-impact keynotes, interactive panels, practical sessions, and valuable networking opportunities</p> <p><a href="https://whova.com/portal/registration/9Q8hnEPxHv-cw1FNbT5w/">https://whova.com/portal/registration/9Q8hnEPxHv-cw1FNbT5w/</a></p>
<p><b>Gatton Ag-Tech Showcase</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Gatton Smart Farm 107 John Howie Memorial Drive, Lawes QLD 4343</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Wednesday 15 - Thursday 16 October 8:30am-5pm</p>	<p>Protected cropping will be a feature of this year's showcase, with the official launch of the Centre for Mild Winter Climate Protected Cropping, supported by the National Farmers' Federation's National Horticulture Roadshow.</p> <p>Other features of the event will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live in-crop demonstrations of field AgTech.</li> <li>• Protected cropping greenhouses with crop and AgTech demonstrations, including a protected cropping expo.</li> <li>• AgTech general exhibition with trade show booths.</li> <li>• AgTech speaker program curated by AusAgritech.</li> </ul> <p>Growers can attend the showcase for free. For other attendees, admission costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 for a 1-day pass</li> <li>• \$30 for a 2-day pass.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://events.hortconnections.com.au/gats25/reg/Site/Register">https://events.hortconnections.com.au/gats25/reg/Site/Register</a></p>
<p><b>How to Plan a Burn Workshop</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> TBA, Thornton</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Saturday 25 October 2025 9am-2pm</p>	<p>This practical workshop has been designed as the next step in property fire management planning: How To Plan A Burn</p> <p>The event is intended for landholders who are interested in taking steps to use fire as a management tool on their properties, whether they have already developed a property fire management plan or not. This workshop is an interactive, outdoor walk-and-talk where we will demonstrate the concepts and build your understanding while looking at how it all fits together in the bush.</p> <p><a href="https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/how-to-plan-a-burn-thornton">https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/how-to-plan-a-burn-thornton</a></p> <p><b>Attendees will be taken through:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The decision-making process required to determine an appropriate burn area.</li> <li>• Understanding regulations and permits.</li> <li>• On-ground preparation required.</li> <li>• The impacts of weather, slope and vegetation (including weeds).</li> <li>• Fuel hazard assessment techniques.</li> <li>• Ignition techniques.</li> <li>• Essential safety protocols and landholder responsibility.</li> </ul> <p><small>* Please note - we will be assessing the site together, but will NOT be undertaking any burning on the workshop day. The event is being delivered by the Queensland Fire &amp; Biodiversity Consortium, in partnership with Lockyer Valley Regional Council, through funding from the Queensland Government.</small></p>

<p><b>Sensible Supplementation Workshop – Cattle Nutrition 101</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Boonah &amp; Esk</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Boonah: Tuesday 28 October Esk: Wednesday 29 October 8:30am-1pm</p>	<p>DPI and Healthy Land &amp; Water are bringing you Sensible Supplementation workshops to learn all things cattle nutrition.</p> <p>The workshops will discuss the fundamentals that must be considered for effective management of animal nutrition and supplementation. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition fundamentals.</li> <li>• Nutrient requirements.</li> <li>• Identifying limiting nutrients.</li> <li>• Protein, energy and phosphorus supplementation.</li> <li>• Breeder herd management to minimise supplement costs.</li> <li>• Evaluating supplement options.</li> </ul> <p>Producers can have the nutritional value and cost effectiveness of their supplements evaluated at these workshops if they send supplement details before the workshops.</p> <p><b>These events are both sold out but please join the waitlist to express your interest in case more tickets become available</b></p> <p><b>Boonah:</b> <a href="https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/sensible-supplementation-boonah">https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/sensible-supplementation-boonah</a></p> <p><b>Esk*:</b> <a href="https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/sensible-supplementation-toogoolawah">https://hlw.org.au/portfolio/sensible-supplementation-toogoolawah</a></p> <p><b>*NEW VENUE - the Esk event will now be held at the Somerset Civic Centre.</b></p>
<p><b>TropAg</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane</p> <p><b>Day, Date</b> Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13 November 2025</p>	<p>The TropAg 2025 program will focus on “Addressing Global Challenges” by featuring leading Australian and international scientific voices who are actively engaged in advancing research and raising awareness of the many challenges in the diverse field of agriculture and food production.</p> <p>The program will feature six keynote speakers plus 27 symposium sessions delivered within three themed streams: Future Foods, Growing Agriculture, and Climate + Sustainability.</p> <p>Find out more and register here: <a href="https://tropag.com.au/">https://tropag.com.au/</a></p>

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