FORAGE – free property information to assist with grazing land management decisions Part 1 – currently available information

Webinar #3: "Getting the *Inside Edge* in grazing land management" series

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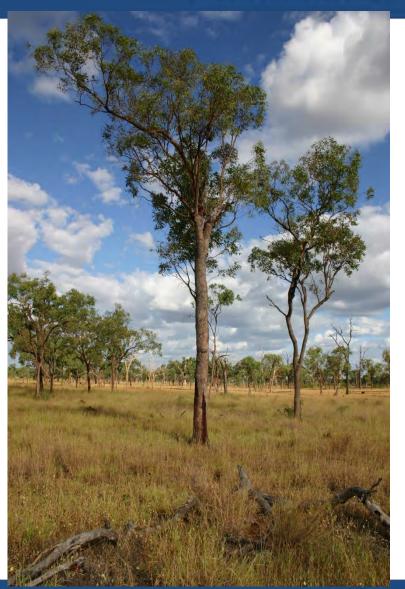
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Webinar "Roadmap"

- What is the FORAGE system?
- FORAGE data sources
- Accessing the FORAGE system
- FORAGE support information
- Common land management questions
- 10 FORAGE reports (in brief)
- FORAGE and land management questions
- FORAGE track record
- Summary and wrap-up
- Funded by DCAP and REEF programs



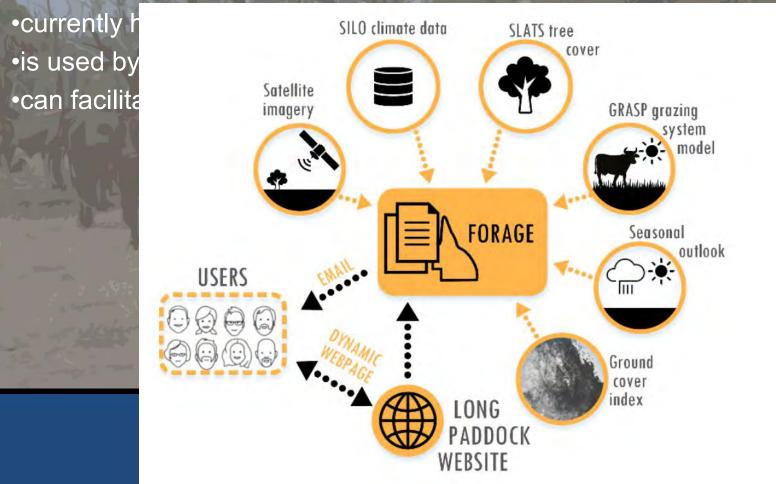


What is FORAGE?

FORAGE:

•is an online information system accessed through the Long Paddock website: <u>www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/forage</u>

•generates and delivers 'property-scale' customised reports on climate, pasture, ground cover, land condition indicators and satellite imagery.



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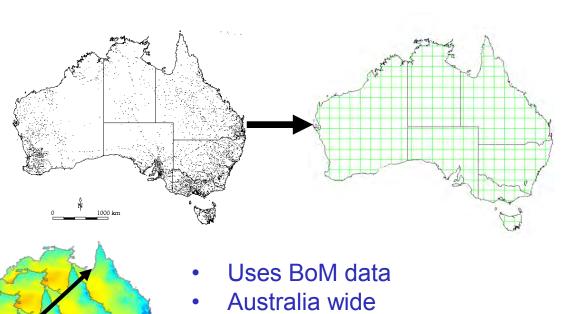


FORAGE data sources: SILO climate database

1889 to yesterday

SILO offers: point climate data in model-ready formats (1889 – present)

- rainfall
- evaporation
- solar radiation
- temperature
- vapour pressure

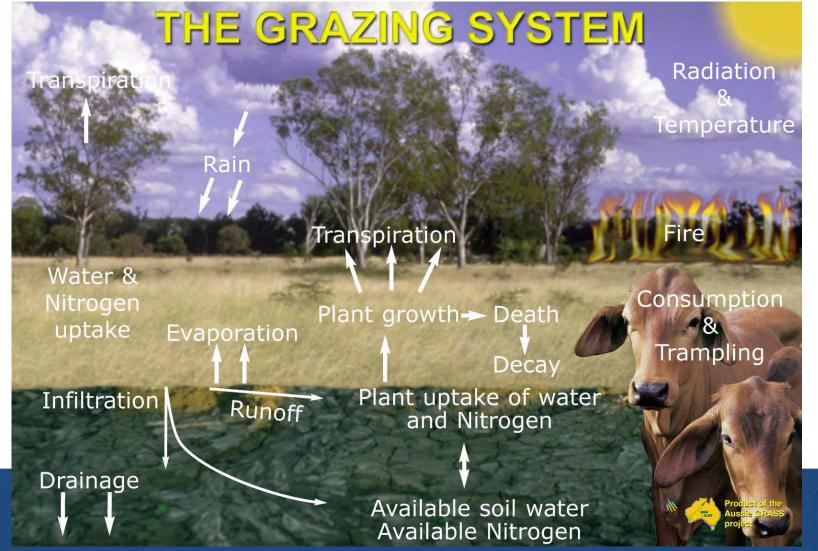


• 5km resolution

The Long Paddock

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Aim: to combine major aspects of climate, pasture and grazing environment



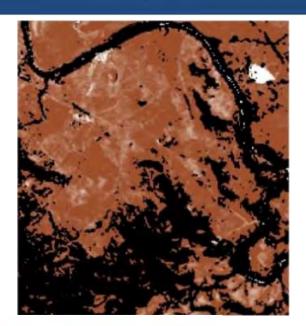


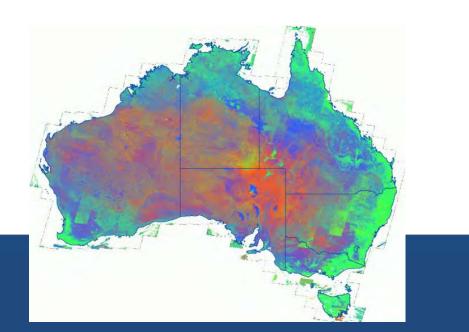
FORAGE data sources: Remote sensing data Department of Environment and Science

DES's Remote Sensing Centre provides:

Ground cover imagery – from 1986 to current inc:

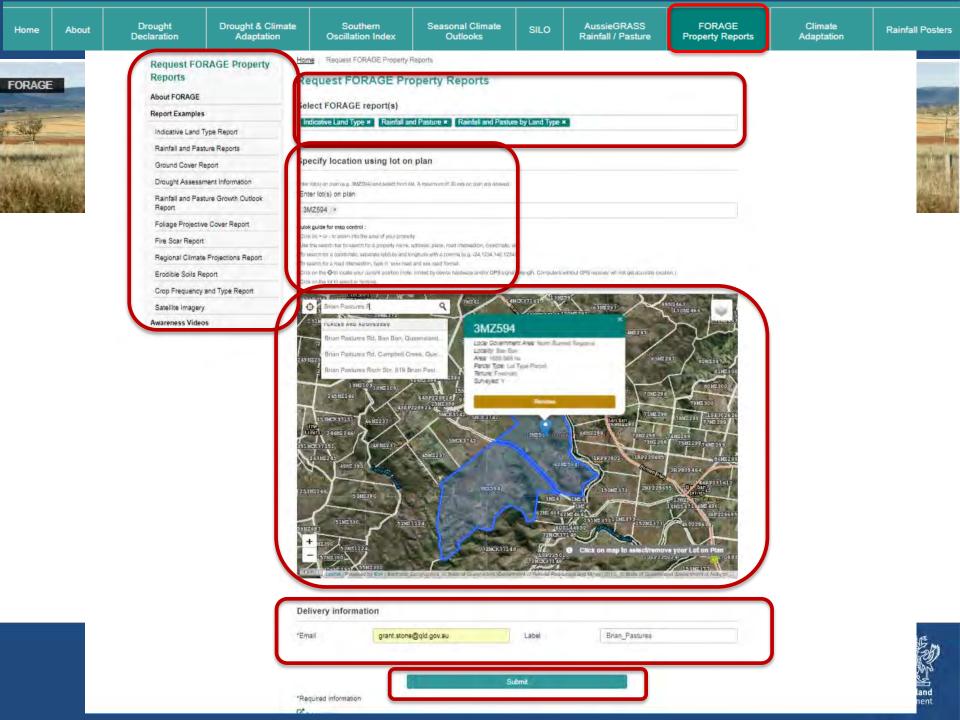
- bare ground imagery
- seasonal green/non-green cover imagery
- foliage projective cover (FPC)











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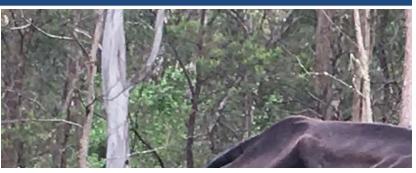
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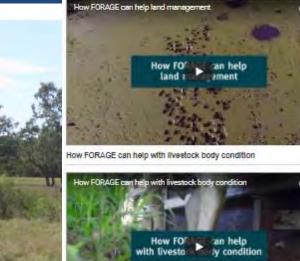


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- within-report information (next)
- web page information plus Q&As
- 2-page quick guide
- detailed FORAGE guide
- awareness videos
- instructive videos ytd
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How FORAGE can help land management?

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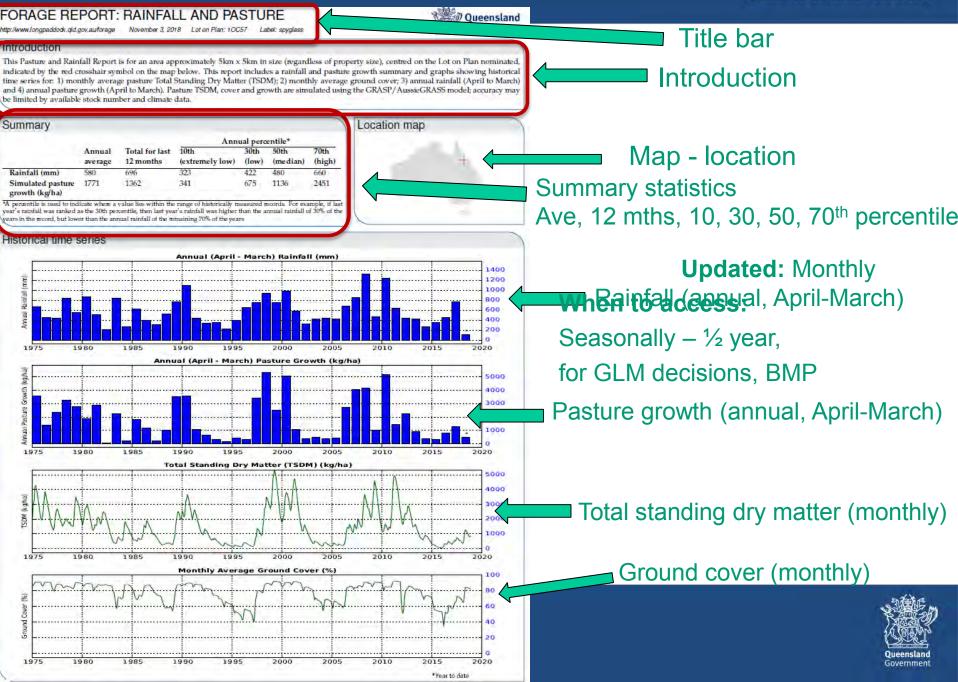
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Common land management questions

- Is this season different from last year – or 5 years ago?
- What parts of my paddocks are bare?
- How many cattle do I run until the next season?
- Do I need more water points?
- Why does this paddock have less cover than that paddock?
- Others:
 - property planning, investment, sales....GLM, BMP accreditation...



Rainfall and Pasture report



Indicative Land Type report

- Grazing Land Management (GLM) land types for Lot on Plan
- Land type summary
- Shapefile attachment (GIS application, VegMachine)

Updated: generally static; data revision and release late-2018

When to Access: Once-off on purchase, GLM, BMP, infrastructure fencing to land type

FORAGE REPORT: INDICATIVE LAND TYPE

http://www.longpaddodk.qld.gov.aufforage November 3, 2018 Lot on Plan: 1 OC57 Label: spygla

Introduction

This report displays the most current version of the Grazing Land Management (GLM) land types for the selected Lot on Plan. The land type map is generated from a GIS shapefile which is developed based on regional ecosystems mapping and GLM information. Most of the land types and their boundaries have not been validated with field observations. Therefore, the land type map is only indicative and can be used to understand what land types are expected on the area selected. The approximate land type area (hectares) and their percentage of the total area are summarised on the second page.



Land	type	summar	y
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Expected land types (for land types more than 1 hectare)	Land type code	Estimated area (hectare)	Estimated area (%)
02 Lancewood - bendee - rosewood (BD)	BD12	2200	31.8
04 Narrow-leaved ironbark on deeper soils	BD14	1582	22.9
06 Goldfields country - black soils	BD10	1228	17.7
01 Loamy alluvials	BD13	1043	15.1
05 Yellowjacket with other eucalypts	BD20	786	11.4
03 Range soil (NG)	NG08	81	1.2

06 Gd dfields country - black soils

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Rainfall and Pasture by Land Type report

FORAGE REPORT: RAINFALL AND PASTURE BY LAND TYPE

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Simulated annual pasture growth summary for major land types

The table summarises historical pasture growth (kg/ha/year) for the period from 1960 to present, for each major land type on the selected to contribute on t

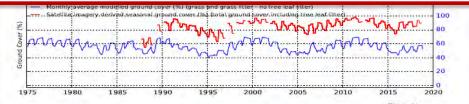
Management (GLM) and Stocktake. The table shows the total pasture growth (kg/ha) in the last 12 months (from November 2017). Calculations are provided for long-term average annual pasture growth; annual pasture growth in low growth (30th percentile*); median (50th percentile); and high growth (70th percentile) years.

Expected Land Type	Code	Area (ha)	Area (%)	Last 12 months	Average	30th percentile*	50th percentile*	70th percentile*
Lancewood - bendee - rosewood (BD)	BD12	2200	31.8	370	565	364	510	660
Narrow-leaved ironbark on deeper soils	BD14	1581	22.9	1573	1701	984	1647	2300
Goldfields country - black soils	BD10	1225	17.7	2622	2517	1744	2497	3223
Loamy alluvials	BD13	1045	15.1	1638	1711	1008	1670	2283
Yellow jacket with other eucalypts	BD20	786	11.4	1640	2174	1092	1916	2643
Range soil (NG)	NG08	81	1.2	1201	1315	1100	1314	1472

Simulated ground cover summary for major land types

The table summarises historical percentage around cover for the period 1960 to present for each major land type on the selected Lot on Plan. Calculations of pasture cover are from the GRASP model based on calibration consistent with information from Grazing Land Management (GLM) and Stocktake. The table shows the average ground cover (%) in the last 12 months (from November 2017). Estimates are provided for long-term average annual ground cover; annual ground cover in low growth (30th percentile*); median (50th percentile); and high growth (70th percentile) years.

			<u> </u>	_	_	Pasture groun	d cover (%)	
Expected Land Type	Code	Area (ha)	Area (%)	Last 12 months	Average	30th percentile*	50th percentile*	70th percentile*
Lancewood - bendee - rosewood (BD)	BD12	2200	31.8	42	46	44	47	48
Narrow-leaved ironbark on deeper soils	BD14	1581	22.9	55	56	53	57	64
Goldfields country - black soils	BD10	1225	17.7	68	67	65	67	71
Loamy alluvials	BD13	1045	15.1	58	60	57	60	65
Yellowjacket with other eucalypts	BD20	786	11.4	57	59	53	61	69
Range soil (NG)	NG08	81	1.2	56	56	55	57	58



Page1:

Summary, Rainfall, Pasture growth, biomass, ground cover timeseries

Page2:

- Land types x pasture growth
- Land types x ground cover
- Percentiles to guide yield/cover inference

Updated: Monthly

When to Access:

Seasonally - ¹/₂ year, stocking assessment, GLM, BMP



Rainfall and Pasture Growth Outlook report

Department of Environment and Science

FORAGE REPORT: RAINFALL AND PASTURE GROWTH OUTLOOK

http://www.longpaddodk.qld.gov.au/FORAGE November 2, 2018 LotPlan: 3RP841848,1OC57,4SP233424,4835CP etc. Label: s

Introduction

There are various approaches used to develop seasonal rainfall or climate outlooks. The FORAGE 'Rainfall and Pasture Growth Outlook' considers just one approach which is a statistical approach based on 'Phases' of the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) (Stone, et al. 1996). This report provides a three-month seasonal outlook (November 2018 - January 2019) for the selected Lot on Plan and is relevant to the immediate district surrounding the Lot on Plan. The map to the right shows the location of the Lot on Plan (cross).

Two outlooks are provided in the report: 1) a 'rainfall' outlook; and 2) a 'pasture growth' outlook. The rainfall outlook is based on historical rainfall at the selected location. Probabilities are given for 'dry' (< 30th percentile*), 'near-average' (30th to 70th percentile) and 'wet' (> 70th percentile) rainfall over the three-month 'outlook' period. The pasture growth outlook is based on pasture growth modelling incorporating historical rainfall and climate data from the selected location. The pasture modelling also takes into account current conditions (e.g. soil water status). Probabilities are given for 'low' (< 30th percentile), 'near-average' (30th to 70th percentile) and 'high' (> 70th percentile) pasture growth over the three-month 'outlook' period.

3 month seasonal outlook for rainfall - and pasture growth

Analogue years selected for matching to current year

Outlook information

Updated: Monthly **Access:** ad hoc, seasonally, GLM, BMP (to be replaced with new PGA

report)

Historical 'Analogue Years' with a 'Rapidly Rising' Phase of the SOI in October 1929, 1930, 1934, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1976, 1986, 1999, 2005

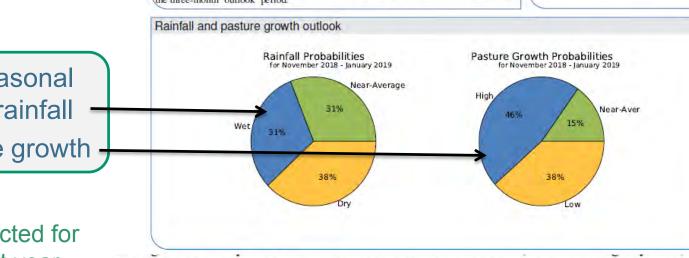
behaviour of the SOI can be classified into one of five classes or 'phases': 1) 'Consistently Negative'; 2) 'Consistently Positive'; 3) 'Rapidly Falling'; 4) 'Rapidly Rising'; or 5) 'Near-Zero'. The behaviour of the SOI over September 2018 and October 2018 is classified as 'Rapidly Rising'. Previous years with the same SOI Phase in October (called 'analogue years') are shown below.

Historical 'Analogue Years' with a 'Rapidly Rising' Phase of the SOI in October

1929, 1930, 1934, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1976, 1986, 1999, 2005

Each year in the above list is coloured according to rainfall in the three-month 'outlook' period (November 2018 - January 2019): orange being 'dry' (< 30th percentile rainfall); green being 'near-average' (20th to 70th percentile rainfall) and blue being 'wet' (>70th percentile rainfall). The proportion of 'wet' (blue), 'dry' (yellow) and 'near-average' (green) years is reflected in the 'Rainfall Probability' diagram (above) - this becomes the 'rainfall outlook' for the next three-month period (November 2018 - January 2019) for the selected location. The 'pasture growth outlook' is constructed in a similar manner, but based on pasture growth modelling incorporating the rainfall and climate data from the above analogue years.

The above categories (i.e. 'dry', 'near-average' and 'wet') refer to a classification of historical rainfall data from 1900 to 1998. Please refer to the following page for a more detailed explanation of this classification and other supporting information which will help you interpret





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Foliage Projective Cover report

- •satellite imagery-derived tree and shrub foliage projective cover (FPC)
- most recent available image
- •FPC range in four categories
- •Page 2: summarised into GLM land types
- •current imagery (.tiff) provided for GIS layer
- Updated: planned update
- Access: property purchase, pre/post-clearing, GLM, BMP

FORAGE REPORT: FOLIAGE PROJECTIVE COVER (FPC)

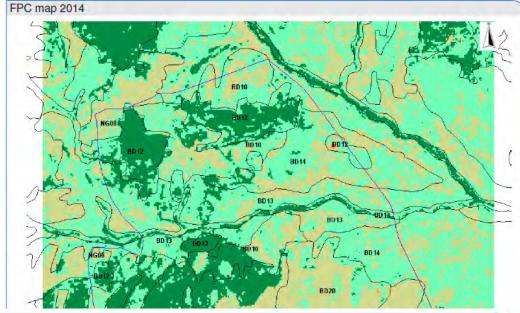
http://www.longpaddodk.qld.gov.au/forage November 3, 2018 Lot on Plan: 1 OC57 Label: spy

Plan: 10C57 Label: spyglass

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This report presents the Foliage Projective Cover (FPC) information obtained from satellite data for the selected Lot on Plan. The FPC map shows both the different classes of FPC and the land type information for the area selected. Areas with greater than 15 percent FPC are classed as woody vegetation cover, whereas areas with less than 15 percent FPC are classed as non-woody vegetation cover. Users may be more familiar with tree density being expressed as two basal area (TBA). As a guide, for mature tree communities, FPC thresholds of 15, 30 and 70 per cent equate to tree basal area of approximately 6, 12 and 32 m²/hectare respectively.



Summary of FPC for land types

This table indicates the area and percentage area of FPC for each land type on the selected Lot on Plan. Four FPC classes are shown (FPC<15%, FPC 15-30%, FPC 30-70% and FPC>70%)

Expected land type (for land types > 1 hectare)	Code	Land type area (ha)	FPC <15 ha (%)	FPC 15-30 ha (%)	FPC 30-70 ha (%)	FPC >70 ha (%)
02 Lancewood - bendee - rosewood (BD)	BD12	2200	859 (39.0)	313 (14.2)	1028 (46.7)	<1 (<1)
04 Narrow-leaved ironbark on deeper soils	BD14	1582	895 (56.6)	595 (37.6)	92 (5.8)	<1(<1)
06 Goldfields country - black soils	BD10	1228	324 (26.4)	597 (48.6)	306 (25.0)	<1(<1)
01 Loamy alluvials	BD13	1043	232 (22.3)	651 (62.4)	160 (15.3)	<1 (<1)
05 Yellowjacket with other eucalypts	BD20	786	487 (62.0)	285 (36.2)	14 (1.8)	<1(<1)
03 Range soil (NG)	NG08	81	44 (54.1)	35 (43.4)	2 (2.6)	<1(<1)
Total		6919	2841 (41.1)	2476 (35.8)	1603 (23.2)	0 (0)

Ground Cover report

FORAGE REPORT: GROUND COVER http://www.longpaddodk.qld.gov.au/forage November 4, 2018 Lot on Plan: 218SP237183 Label: lonroeacl

FORAGE REPORT: GROUND COVER

November 4, 2018 Lot on Plan: 218SP237183 Label: lonrgeach



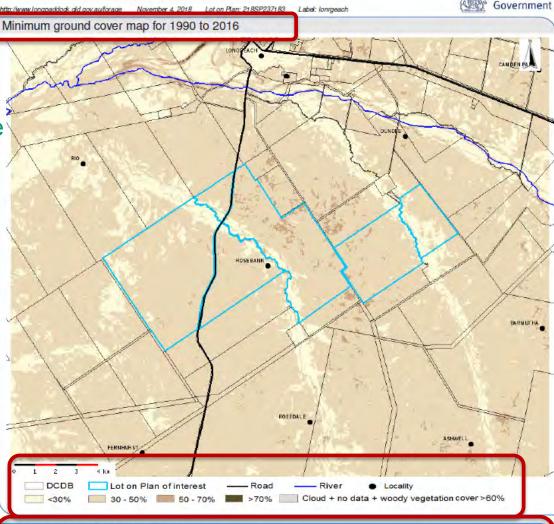
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- background information
- seasonal view (3 mth) year choice
- coloured groundcover ranges
- groundcover summary

Page 2:

- minimum cover "composite" view
- Page 3:
- cover timeseries graph (next slide)
- plus accessory spreadsheet for calculation option
- **Updated:** Monthly

Access: Seasonally $-\frac{1}{2}$ year, land condition assessment, GLM, BMP



Minimum ground cover map summary

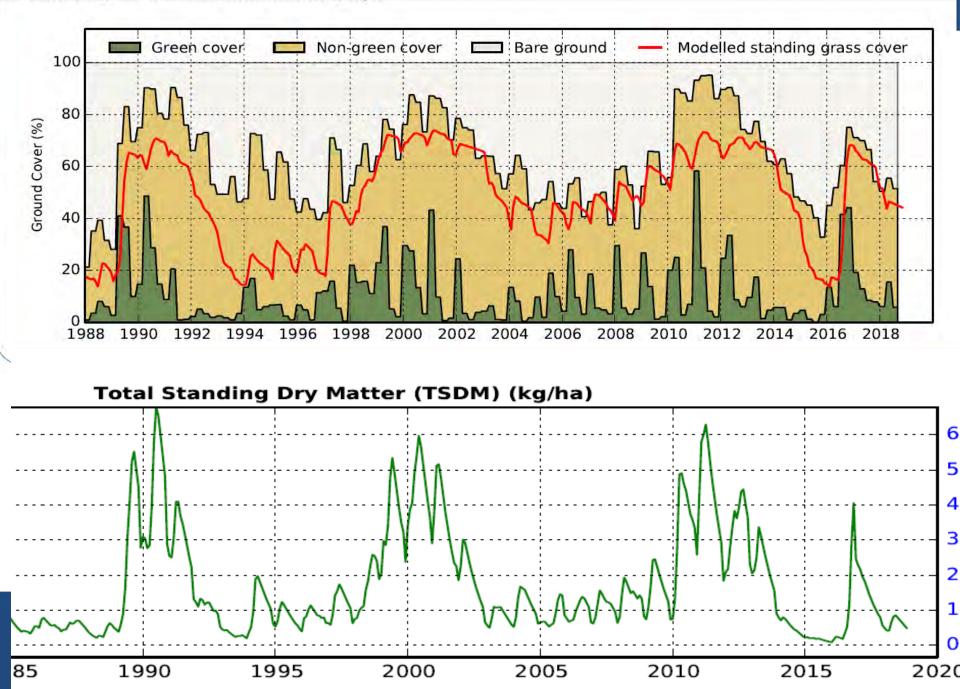
The minimum seasonal ground cover map shows the lowest level of cover for the Lot on Plan which has been measured in the period 1986 to 2016. This map is useful for showing areas that may be vulnerable to low ground cover. The percentage of the total area of the Lot on Plan for 4 ranges of minimum ground cover levels are summarised below:

Cover levels	<30%	30 - 50%	50 - 70%	>70%	
Percentage out of the total area	12.9	84.7	2.4	0.0	

Ground cover map summary

				ot on Plan with less than 60% tree cover. The image is for the period for 4 ranges of ground cover levels are summarised below:
Cover levels	<30%	30 - 50%	50 - 70%	>70%
Percentage out of the total area	2.0	30.8	66.8	0.4

Seasonal ground cover time series graph



Ground Cover - Regional Comparison report

FORAGE REPORT: GROUND COVER - REGIONAL COMPARISON

http://www.longpaddodk.gld.gov.au/forage November 3, 2018 Lot on Plan: 10C57 Label: spydas:

Cover rankings per dominant land type

Percentile

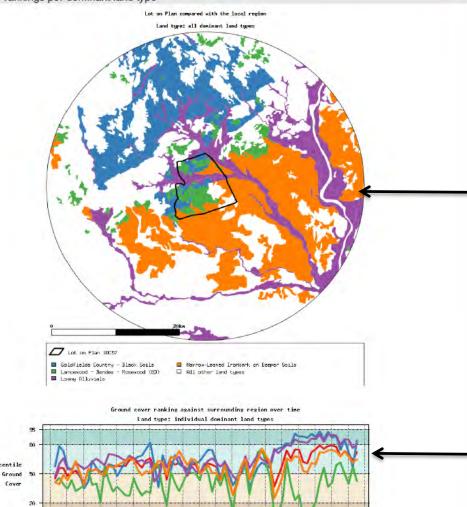
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2002

2004

Goldfields Country - Black Soils Lancewood - Bendee - Rosewood (BD)

All designant land types



2012

2010

Loavy Allusials

2014

Narroy-Leaved Ironbark on Deeper Soils

2016

2019

Provides: Ground cover comparison for all dominant land types

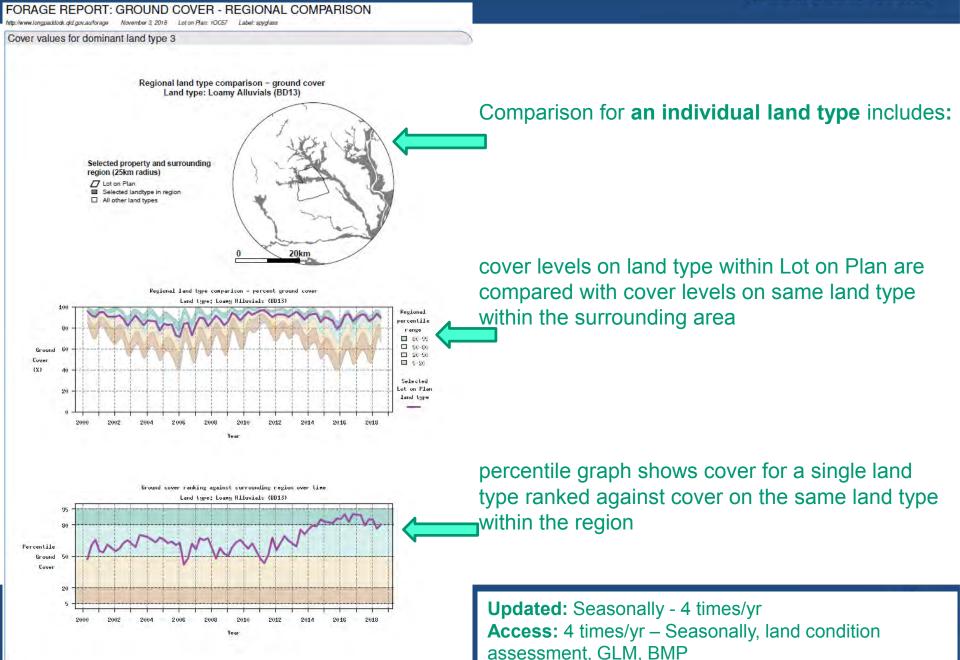
Front report page shows:

each dominant land type for Lot on Plan and the distribution of the same land types in the local region (25km radius)

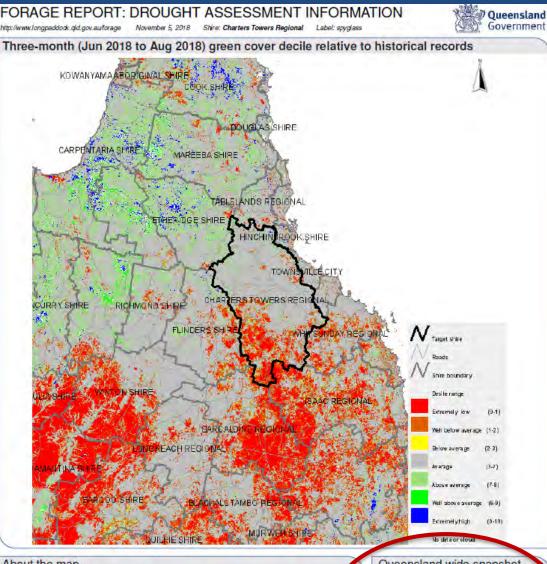
percentile graph shows cover for each land type ranked against cover on the same land type within the region



Ground Cover - Regional Comparison report



Drought Assessment Information report



About the map

This map shows the Landsat based a multi-dimensional median green cover in the threemonth period indicated, relative to the same three-month period each year since 1990, and ranked on a 0-10 (decile) scale. A reas with no data are most likely covered by clouds. Pixel size is 30 metres.

More information about this image can be found at: http://data.auscover.org.au/xwiki/bin/view/Product+pages/Seasonal+Cover+Deciles Queensland wide snapshot

Shire-based – broad outlook

Sourced from AussieGRASS

- 26 multi-month maps inc:
- rainfall
- soil moisture •
- maximum temperature •
- pasture growth & biomass •
- rainfall runoff
- growth & runoff forecasts •
- curing index •
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Updated: Monthly

Access: ad hoc for awareness, property / livestock sales, purchases, & agistment

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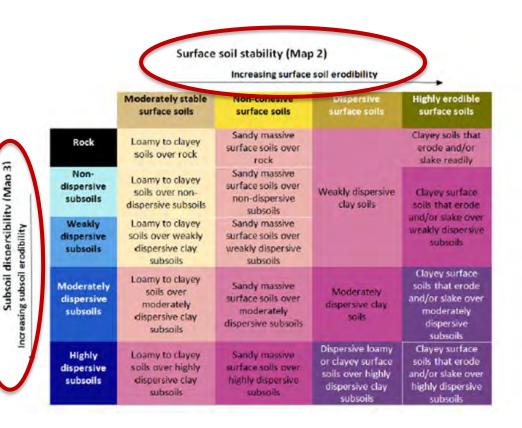
1, 2 or 3 months

Erodible soils report

- Erodible soils assessment uses a classification that evaluates erosion potential of:
- Surface soil (stability)
- Subsoil (dispersibility)

Plus an overall erosion potential ranking is given with the surface soil and subsoil combinations

currently for Burdekin and Fitzroy





Erodible Soils report

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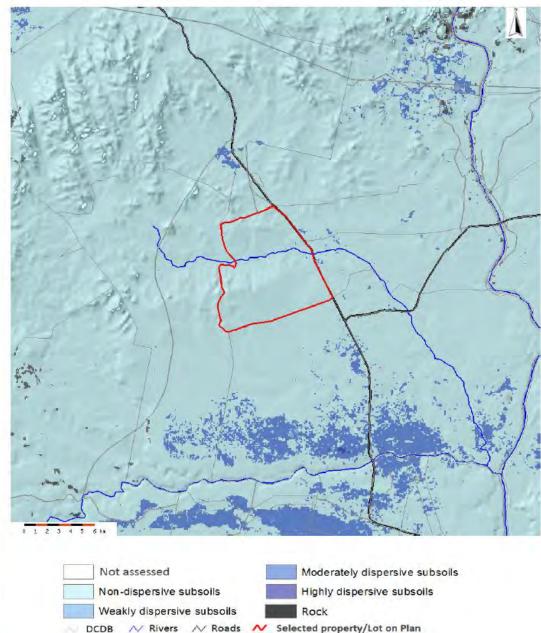
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Map 3 - Subsoil dispersibility



- Surface soil stability map
- Subsoil dispersability map

- **Updated:** ≈5-yearly reanalysis
- Access: Once-off, property purchase, GLM/BMP, infrastructure guidance



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Regional Climate Projections report

- historical climate information and long term climate projections for 2030, 2050 and 2070
- inc. Rainfall, Min/max/mean temps, potential Evap. and ave. Vapour Pressure
- monthly median timeseries
- historical and projected climate ranges

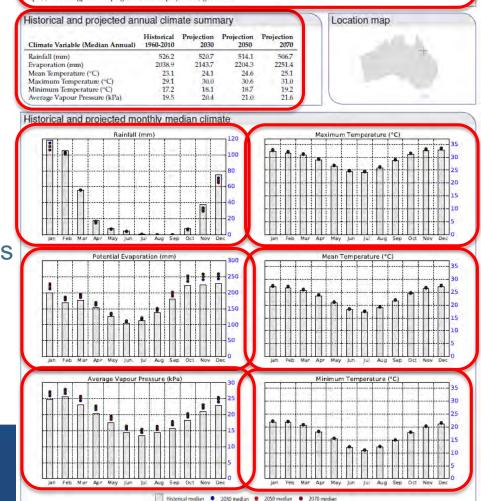
Updated: 5yrs – update to be released **Access:** once, CC workshop, historical and future awareness FORAGE REPORT: REGIONAL CLIMATE PROJECTIONS

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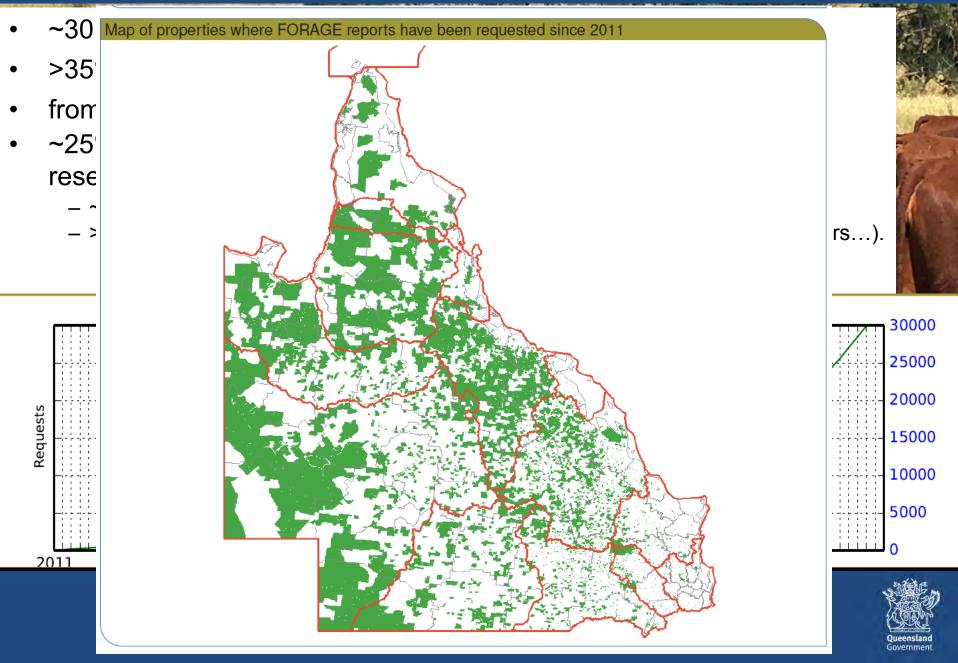
This report is for the location indicated by the red crosshair symbol on the map below. The report presents information based on SILO historical climate data and Consistent Climate Scenarios (CCS) projections data (developed by the Department of Environment and Science, DES). Annual and monthly climate projections data for 2030, 2050 and 2070 have been generated using 28 ARS global climate models (GCMs), three model sensitivities to CO₂ rise (low, medium and high warning rates) and four Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP 2.6, RCP 4.5, RCP 6.0 and RCP 8.5) which specify CO₂ levels from 435 to 449 ppm for 2030 and from 478 to 677 ppm for 2070. The baseline climate is the period between 1960 and 2015.

The monthly median values for the historical climate (1960-2015) and climate projections for 2030, 2050 and 2070 are presented in the bar-dot graphs (below) which indicate the seasonal patterns of historical climate and projected climate under the different global warming rates and scenarios in 2030, 2050 and 2070.

The results for annual projections as shown by the projected annual climate range plots (next page) indicate a range of possibilities of projected temperature, rainfall and other parameters under the different global warming rates and scenarios. For more information, see https://www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/climateprojections/guide.html.



So, who uses FORAGE?



Products to assist with land management - revisited Department of Environment and Science

- Is this season different from last year or 5 years ago
 - Rainfall pasture report
 - Seasonal rainfall & pasture outlook report
 - Drought Assessment report
- · What parts of my paddocks are bare?
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Summary of FORAGE products

- Latest technology products assist with awareness and land management decision-making
- Online, free and easy to access
- Track record over time (despite no real marketing)
- Niche market (graziers, extension staff, BMP, consultants, education, policy)
- Reports mutually support other analyses in FORAGE product suite (rainfall / ground cover)
- FORAGE can be linked with other products (e.g. shapefiles with GIS, Google Earth, VegMachine)
- Report improvements will continue
- Joint support with BMP, DAF and NRM groups
- More prototypes in development watch this space!



Wrap-up

Next webinar is the last in the "Getting the Inside Edge" series:

FORAGE – free property information to assist with grazing land management decisions:

- Part 2 new and soon to be released information (Thurs 29th Nov)
- Webinars now available: <u>https://longpaddock.qld.gov.au/about/webinars/</u> see below
- Questions and suggestions email The Long Paddock team at longpaddock@qld.gov.au

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