



Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

The [Red Meat Advisory Council](#) is seeking volunteers to attend a workshop in Toowoomba (25–27 June) to assist with the development of the Meat Industry Strategic Plan (MISP 2030) which will guide levy investments for the next 10 years and help the industry deal with a changing operating environment. They are looking for representatives from right across the supply chain. If you would like to submit an expression of interest, [click here](#).

The Australian Government is conducting a second national survey on pest animal and weed management. The survey asks questions about the incidence of and problems that pest animals and weeds cause, the cost of management and the types and effectiveness of control actions. If you would like to contribute, details about the survey can be found [here](#).

Do you have a young artist in your family? WorkCover Queensland is currently running a Farm Safety Calendar competition. Queensland primary school children are encouraged to draw and colour a picture featuring farm safety messages. For the competition template and further information, go to [WorkCover Queensland](#).

The [Queensland and Northern Australia Drought and Climate Adaptation Program](#) (DCAP) are investigating the approaches to decision-making and planning for climate variability as well as awareness and effectiveness of available information and tools. If you are a producer or advisor (in Qld, NT or WA), DCAP is looking for your input via a short survey, [click here](#).

The research team at Central Queensland University are requesting input from beef producers via a survey regarding how auto-drafting technology could be used most effectively. The survey is multiple choice and will take less than ten minutes to complete. To find out more, [click here](#).

If you missed last month's [Changes coming to MSA webinar](#), don't worry, we recorded it! You can find the recording on the [FutureBeef YouTube](#) channel along with all our previous webinar recordings and short, helpful clips.

Over the past few months we have had a number of new people join the [FutureBeef team](#) including, Megan Brown at Rockhampton, Emily Baretta at Mareeba, Roxanne Morgan at Mackay, Caitlyn Frazer at Charleville and Hayley McMillan joining the team in Brisbane. Please welcome our new team members if you see them out and about.

Send us your feedback and suggestions via [email](#), call us on 13 25 23 (for the cost of a local call in Queensland), connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or check us out on [YouTube](#). We'd love to hear from you...

We hope you enjoy this June edition of the FutureBeef eBulletin,

Jodie,
on behalf of FutureBeef

Blood testing and land type mapping leads to cost-effective supplementation

When Rob and Ainsley McArthur of Mystery Park, St Lawrence, decided to

investigate the probable cause of their herds' lower than expected productivity, they turned to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Through detailed land type mapping and testing of their animals' phosphorus levels, a targeted and cost effective [phosphorus supplementation](#) strategy was developed.

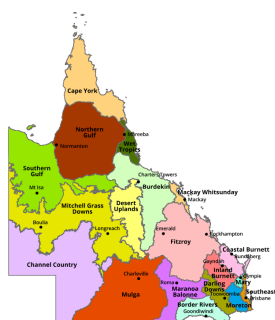


Pulpy kidney and toxic plant poisoning alert



Higher incidences of pulpy kidney (enterotoxaemia) and poisoning from animals grazing toxic plants have been reported in Central Western Queensland in the past few weeks following the rain event in April. In this article compiled by Longreach Extension Officer, Nathan Farrell, readers will find information on [symptoms and recommended management strategies](#).

Improved GLM land type mapping goes live



Users of the Grazing Land Management (GLM) [land type](#) mapping can now access the new and improved versions of the mapping data. The new GLM land type mapping now more accurately reflects what landholders are seeing on-ground. Greater mapping accuracy will allow users to be more confident in the decisions they make everyday, such as matching the number and class of livestock to the land types within a paddock while maintaining or improving land condition and biodiversity. To find out more, [click here](#).

Ideal conditions to test tropical legumes at Allora



Despite a frosty winter post-sowing, followed by a hot and dry 2018/19 summer, a number of the tropical legume varieties planted at an on-farm demonstration site near Allora on the Darling Downs have persisted and were the focus of a field day conducted by the DAF Sown Pastures Team. To find out more about how the tropical legumes survived on the Darling Downs, and the success of the field day, [click here](#).

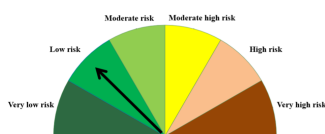
Twilight Forums assist pastoralists in preparing for a challenging season



Lower than average rainfall and above average temperatures during the 2018/19 wet season in the Pilbara and Kimberley has placed extra pressure on the rangelands, livestock and water infrastructure. To assist land and livestock managers to proactively plan for the challenging dry season ahead, the WA Northern Beef Development Team have been conducting a

number of Twilight Forums. For more information on the key messages from these forums, [click here](#).

The Pasture Growth Alert report—the latest addition to the FORAGE suite



The Pasture Growth Alert report is the latest addition to the suite of [FORAGE](#) reports found on the [Long Paddock website](#). The four page report provides an assessment of future pasture growth and pasture resilience risk for properties located in Queensland thereby assisting in management decisions to increase property resilience to drought and help identify pasture recovery opportunities. [Click here for more information](#).

Wagyu Milestone—30 years in Australia



Once seen as a ‘flash in the pan’ breed by many cattleman in Australia, Wagyu has gone on to be bred within many herds aiming to increase carcass marbling and attract premium returns. DAF Extension Officer Matt Brown relays the take home messages from the Annual Australian Wagyu Conference held in Adelaide earlier this year including market projections and feedback from feedlot buyers. To read the key messages and insights from the Annual Australian Wagyu Conference, [click here](#).

Breeding values: your tool for looking under the hood webinar

There’s no doubt that when you’re buying a bull, his physical and structural soundness must be factored in. But what you can’t see is just as important. Using breeding values allow you to see ‘under the hood’ of an animal. You can see his weak points and his strengths to decide if he’s the right fit for your herd. Join MLA’s Clara Bradford and beef producer, Kara Knudsen, on Wednesday 12 June at 12.30 pm AEST as they talk through breeding values and how you can use them to accelerate the performance of your herd.

[Click here to register](#).

Di-Bak, a major step forward in boosting feedbase management

Now available to landholders, Di-Bak Parkinsonia is a biological herbicide containing naturally-occurring fungal pathogens. These are delivered in capsules injected directly into the Parkinsonia trees, enabling targeted application and limiting adverse impacts on the surrounding environment. For more information, [click here](#).

Upcoming events

Breedplan & DNA technology regional forum

[Rockhampton](#), 5-6 June

Hungerford field day	Hungerford , 7 June
E-Beef Smart Farm Field Day	Hughenden , 10 June
Business EDGE	Longreach , 10-11 June
Nutrition EDGE	Taroom , 10-12 June
KLR Marketing School	Emerald , 11-13 June
Grazing for Profit School	Mackay , 11-17 June
Breeding values: your tool for looking under the hood of your next sire	Webinar , 12:30 pm, 12 June
2019 Australian Biosecurity Symposium	Gold Coast , 12-13 June
Business EDGE	Clermont , 13-14 June
Legume Field Day	Wondoan , 14 June
Nutrition EDGE	Boulia , 16-18 June
Breeding EDGE	Fitzroy Crossing , 17-19 July
Regenerative Agriculture Field Day	Hughenden , 18 June
Breeding EDGE	Broome , 23-25 July
Grazing for Profit School	Emerald , 23-29 June
Soil Erosion Control Workshop	Cloncurry , 24 June Kynuna , 26 June Hughenden , 28 June

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