

New Queensland drought assistance

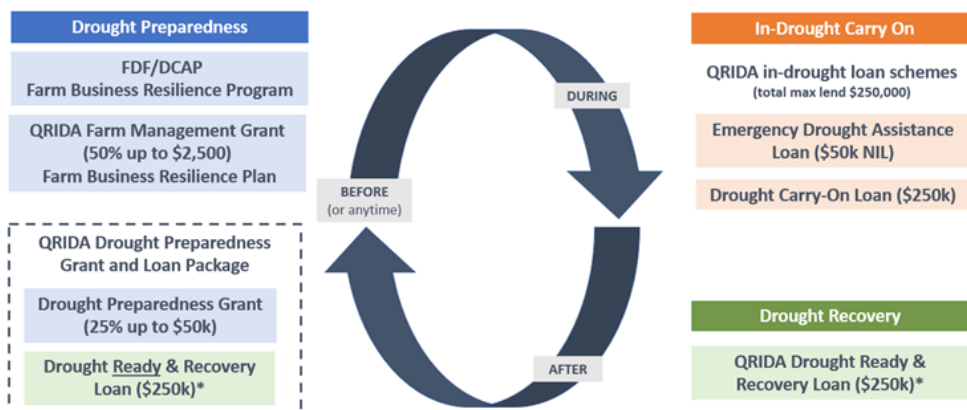


New Queensland drought assistance is available to eligible primary producers across all industries. The assistance helps producers prepare their business for drought and other climate events and build business resilience. The new assistance measures replace the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS). **Freight subsidies for transporting fodder, water and livestock will no longer be available if you are drought-declared after 1 April 2022.** You don't need to be drought-declared to access the new assistance. For details on the new drought assistance measures visit: daf.qld.gov.au/droughtassist.

What's in?

- ✓ Tailored training, grants and no or low interest loans
- ✓ Help to prepare for and manage business and climate risks
- ✓ Help to create or update a business plan

Current drought assistance

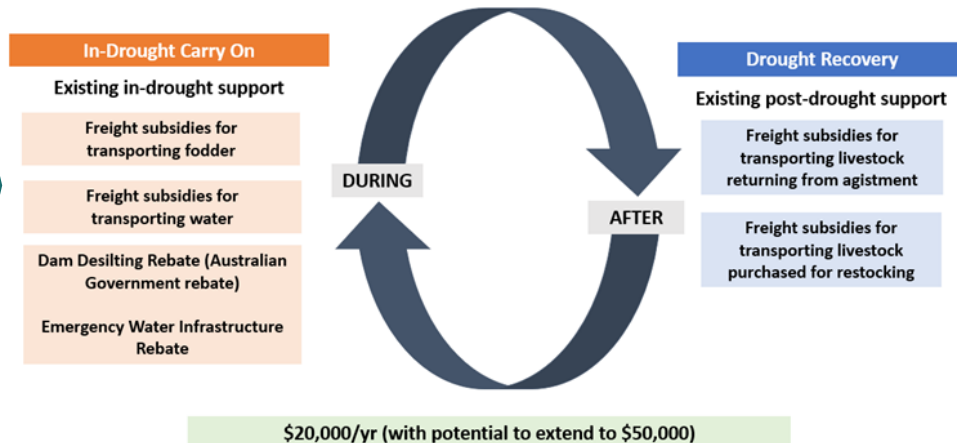


*Whether used for drought ready and / or drought recovery activities, the total maximum lend is \$250,000.

What's out?

- ✗ Freight subsidies and emergency water infrastructure rebate
- ✗ Needing to be in a drought-declared region to access drought assistance
- ✗ Reactive response to drought

Previous – Drought Relief Assistance Schemes



Support available

Farm Business Resilience Program

Access training, workshops and resources to plan for a range of business challenges. Whether it be planning infrastructure investments, improving your herd/flock, modifying grazing land management, fostering connections, or planning for succession, we can help.

Farm Business Resilience Plan

To apply for Queensland drought assistance grants and low and no interest loans through QRIDA you will need a Farm Business Resilience Plan.

A business plan can help you navigate uncertainty and provide you and others (e.g. banks, lenders, market players) with the confidence that your business is headed in the right direction. If you're looking to grow or change your business, a current business plan is invaluable.



Get started with a self-assessment using the large-scale livestock enterprise checklist.



You can use an existing up-to-date business plan or start afresh with the DAF template.

Central west producers, you can access help to develop or update your plan through:

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If you engage a professional to write or update your plan, you can apply for a 50% rebate of the cost, up to \$2,500.

