



Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

The Bureau of Meteorology has released the March to May Climate and Water Outlook. La Niña continues but is weakening slowly. The rainfall forecast for this period is for slightly wetter than average around Darwin and Wyndham, however the majority of northern Australia is predicted to receive average rainfall. The Burnett, Mary and Brisbane River catchments, and the southern region of the Northern Territory, are likely to remain drier than average. [Click here to watch the Outlook video.](#)

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

Kind regards,
Jodie
on behalf of the FutureBeef team

National beef cattle herd predicted reach 28.8 million head in 2023

MLA's annual cattle projections webinar discusses the forecasts for Australia's cattle herd in 2023–2025. Topics and forecasts discussed include, the herd size, slaughter numbers, carcase weights and production, prices, global supply competitors and key macro issues affecting the beef industry in 2023.



[Watch it all, here.](#)

Strategies to boost herd fertility



To maximise breeder performance, cows need to conceive early in the mating period, as well as raise a weaner. However, we need to be aware of a few biological realities, such as the impact of body condition on pregnancy rate.

In this article, Beef Extension Officer, Byrony Daniels, shares strategies to consider when aiming to increase your herd fertility.

[Read it all →](#)

NT: Rangeland Management education for ringers

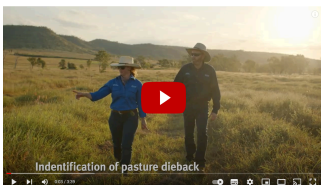


'If you'd given me a land system map when I was a first or second year ringer and asked me to present to a group how I would plan a station on it, I wouldn't have had a clue where to start,' says Pastoral Extension Officer, Stacey Holzapfel.

'However, after learning the content of our Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Rangeland Management Course, I might just have been able to draw some fences and justify how many head I'd run in those paddocks,' she continued.

[Here's what's in a Rangeland Management Course →](#)

Now is the time: Be on the lookout for pasture dieback



Eastern Queensland graziers are being urged to check their paddocks for pasture dieback — a condition that stunts growth and kills productive tropical grass pastures. To help with identification and proven management strategies, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has released three new videos.

[Here's what to expect and how to manage it →](#)

Carbon corner: The information you need to collect for a carbon account

To create a carbon account, you will need the following information:



- Livestock sales – including quantity, class, age, live weight and value of animals sold.
- Inputs – such as fertilisers, fuel, electricity and livestock purchases.
- Inventories – such as fodder reserves and stocking rates at the start and end of each financial year.
- Trees on-farm – area, species, soil type.

In this article by Meat & Livestock Australia, Victorian beef producer, Julian Carroll, shares why he created a carbon account and what he learnt along the way.

[Carbon data for double the benefit →](#)

Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade update!



The Katherine Livestock Industries Team is welcoming two new team members — just in time for a busy 2023! Welcome Mary and Jaidyn.

[Read more about Mary, Jaidyn and the Department's plan for 2023 →](#)

Good listening: The Financial Bloke podcast

The Financial Bloke PODCAST

Wealth
and
Wisdom

with
Ben Law



Each fortnight, Ben Law, also known as The Financial Bloke, interviews guests from varying backgrounds, each with an interesting story or specialist financial knowledge. Ben himself came from a strong agricultural background before becoming a financial advisor where he provided advice to farming families.

In one of the latest episodes of The Financial Bloke podcast, Ben interviews Ian McLean, Director of Bush Agribusiness, discussing profitability, sustainability and investment options, for beef businesses.

[Listen to The Financial Bloke podcast →](#)

WA: It's your turn! MLA BeefUp forums are coming your way

Get out your diary out and write these dates down:

- BeefUp Forum, Broome, 27 March
- BeefUp Forum, Kununurra, 31 March



Meat & Livestock Australia are again working with the Pilbara and Kimberley Beef Research Committees, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, to refine the agenda, bringing you renowned industry experts and relevant advice.

Watch this space for soon to be released agenda details!

Job opportunity: Project manager, WA Dept of Primary Industry and Regional Development

DPIRD has partnered with Rio Tinto and Meat and Livestock Australia to advance regionally relevant research and Industry innovation on Rio Tinto's pastoral leases for the benefit of the northern pastoral industry. This is an exciting opportunity to manage and lead the delivery of the Pilbara Innovation Partnership to unlock the potential of pastoral businesses and the northern rangelands.

[Find out more, here →](#)

Participation request: National farmer wellbeing survey

The National Farmers' Federation is partnering with Norco Dairy Co-operative to commission the first-ever National Farmer Wellbeing Survey. We invite you to take part and have your voice heard.

The survey is easy to do, taking approximately five minutes to complete and by participating, you can opt in for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$200 Visa gift cards.

[Click here to participate and thanks for your help!](#)

Upcoming events

Forecasting for decision making	Webinar , 17 February, 12pm
Healthy conversations for healthy homes and businesses	Clermont , 18 February
Maps and apps workshop	Bowen , 20-21 February Greenvale , 23-24 February
Bet on your books	Roma , 23 February
Business EDGE	Mount Isa , 23-24 February Townsville , 1-2 March Roma , 20-21 March St George , 23-24 March
Cleaner farm dams	Gympie , 25 February
Lead with certainty	Katherine , 27-28 February Katherine , 2-3 March Kununurra , 6-7 March Mount Isa , 20-21 March Cloncurry , 23-24 March Georgetown , 18-19 April
Sheep and goat feedlotting emerging opportunities	Toowoomba , 28 February
Nutrition EDGE	Chinchilla , 28 February - 2 March Katherine , 21-23 March Broome , 3-5 March
Grazing business resilience	Inglewood , 1 March
Breeding EDGE	Kununurra , 1-3 March Broome , 8-10 March
2023 MacIntyre Agriculture Alliance agribusiness summit	Goondiwindi , 9-10 March
Pasture dieback field day	Moura , 13 March Middlemount , 27 March
GRASS and GrazingFutures workshop	Monto , 14 March
Weaning for performance	Longreach , 15 March

BeefUp forum	Broome , 27 March Kununurra , 31 March
Interactive worm workshop	Mitchell , 27 March Augathella , 28 March
Grazing land management EDGE	Katherine , 28-30 March Georgetown , 28-30 March
MeatUp forum	Albany , 28 March
Toxic Plants, Pimelea, Pests & AgCarE	Toompine , 8 March Bollon , 10 March
Northern Inter-Collegiate Meat Judging Competition	Rockhampton , 12-15 April
What's your plan?	Eulo , 3 May Toompine , 4 May Quilpie , 5 May

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