



Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

Landholders in northern Australia can expect to receive less than average rainfall between May and July according to the latest Climate and Water Outlook from the Bureau of Meteorology. Additionally the Bureau is predicting warmer than average maximum temperatures and slightly warmer than average minimum temperatures. [Watch this short clip](#) to see how this might play out in your region.

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

Producer demonstration sites: applications are open!

Would you like to trial something on your place but aren't sure how to go about it? Do you know of others nearby who are interested in the same thing? Well, a producer demonstration site might just be the thing to help you get your idea from the page into your paddock.

Meat & Livestock Australia recently recorded a webinar outlining tips of how to make your Producer Demonstration Site application, a successful one.

[Click here to watch it.](#)



New online hub a one-stop-shop for grazing land management resources



Red meat and livestock producers have access to a new hub of grazing land management resources on the Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) website. MLA Program Manager, Adoption, Sally Leigo, said "The hub contains the tools, resources and training opportunities to help red meat producers measure available pasture against animal demand, explore improved pasture options, or identify and manage weeds for grazing businesses across Australia."

[Find out more →](#)

Easy P trial update: Working smarter, not harder



Preliminary results show that heifers perform just as well, if not better, under the Easy P treatment than traditional wet season supplementation, when phosphorus is included in dry season lick, as well as having access to bulk bags of phosphorus over the wet season. Principal Livestock Research Officer, Tim Schatz, says 'The "Easy P" phosphorus supplementation strategy could be a solution to addressing phosphorus deficiencies in country where paddock access is difficult during the wet season — quite exciting work!'

[Find out more about the 'Easy P' strategy →](#)

Webinar shines a light on soil carbon sequestration strategies



There has been lots of interest in the potential for storing soil organic carbon in grazing lands to offset greenhouse gas emissions and help limit global warming – but what is the real potential?

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries recently commissioned a [report](#) to assess the potential for soil carbon sequestration in northern Australia's grazing lands.

The report's author, Adjunct Associate Professor Beverley Henry, will share her findings in a special webinar on Thursday 27 April.

[Click here to register →](#)

Shoo flies: can fly tags reduce biting insect disease transmission?



Three hundred Brahman-cross heifers and steers were inducted into a trial site in the East Kimberley region in late November 2022. The mob were drafted into two groups – control (no treatment) and fly tagged groups. The health of the trial animals will be monitored regularly to assess the impact of fly tags on the spread and infection of insect-borne diseases. Results of this trial will increase our understanding of the role fly tags may have in reducing the distribution of diseases, such as lumpy skin disease, if an outbreak was to occur in northern Australia.

[Find out more about the Shoo flies project →](#)

Pasture field trials help graziers manage dieback, rundown and more!

If you weren't able to make it to the pasture dieback trial field days held in Central Queensland last month, don't worry, we have the latest observations to share with you.



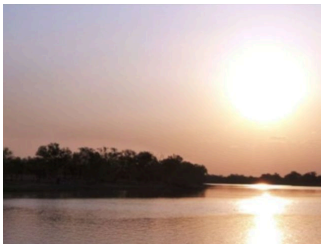
At the event held at *Wonga*, near Moura, 50 combinations of legumes and grasses were showcased, including how the trial pots responded after being impacted by pasture dieback, rundown, and invasion by Indian couch.

At the *Gundabah* field day, located near Middlemount, pasture agronomists and scientists alike shared their observations of the impact fungicide, cultivation, fertilisation, herbicide and insecticides, had on pasture dieback and rundown.

[Here's what was shared →](#)

Assistance available for northern and central Qld flood-affected producers

Small businesses and primary producers in the eligible local government areas may be able to access:



- disaster assistance loans of up to \$250,000 (concessional rates)
- disaster assistance (essential working capital) loans of up to \$100,000
- freight subsidies of up to \$5,000 per property (for primary producers)
- extraordinary disaster assistance recovery grants of up to \$75,000
- personal hardship financial assistance.

[More information, here →](#)

A note from Rural Solutions Queensland

It's important livestock producers have one point of truth when it comes to livestock numbers, sales figures, breeding performance and the true value of livestock on hand.

This is where a livestock production schedule can prove useful as it:

- provides a clear picture of where livestock numbers are now and in the future
- gives insight into the performance of your business
- provides necessary information for developing management budgets, cash flows and projecting carrying capacity
- saves you time if you need to progress a plan or application.

Check out the [livestock production schedule templates](#) available from our friends at QRIDA.

Craig Turner

Livestock Business Planning Lead, Rural Solutions Queensland

Readers might remember an article we featured last month about new feral pig research. Research co-author, Cameron Wilson, said, "This research will provide a better understanding of the factors that influence feral pig movement and will help land managers to refine their control activities. Likewise, the research also has exciting applications for emergency animal disease response activities" he continued.

[Here's more about the feral pig movement and home range research →](#)

Upcoming events

Biosecurity awareness field day	<u>Charleville</u> , 20 April
Navigating the eNVD mobile app	<u>Webinar</u> , 20 April 8 pm
Landholder field day: Pasture identification, legumes and forage budgeting	<u>Alligator Creek</u> , 20 April
Land restoration fund workshop	<u>Charters Towers</u> , 20 April <u>Gin Gin</u> , 27 April
Grazing fundamentals	<u>Goondiwindi</u> , 20 April <u>Alice Springs</u> , 2 May
Breeding EDGE workshop	<u>Mackay</u> , 26-28 April <u>Jundah</u> , 23-25 May
Lots of drought options — how to choose?	<u>Goondiwindi</u> , 27 April
Grazing fundamentals EDGE	<u>Cloncurry</u> , 27 April <u>Alice Springs</u> , 2 May
The potential for soil carbon sequestration in northern Australia: what's known	<u>Webinar</u> , 27 April at 12:30 pm
What's your plan?	<u>Eulo</u> , 3 May <u>Toompine</u> , 4 May <u>Quilpie</u> , 5 May
AgForce SIQ: Herd improvement	<u>Goondiwindi</u> , 8 May <u>St George</u> , 8 May <u>Morven</u> , 9 May <u>Blackall</u> , 9 May
Pastures field day	<u>Mount Garnet</u> , 9 May

Stocktake workshop	Toogoolawah , 9 May Boonah , 10 May
Cypress and native forest management field day	Augathella , 12 May
Building grazing business resilience	Gin Gin , 16 May Nanango , 17 May
Pay dirt: Managing unthrifty sown pastures	Springsure , 17 May Wallumbilla , 19 May
Northern Australian food futures conference 2023	Darwin , 22-25 May
RCS Business fundamentals workshop	Brisbane , 23-26 May
Cattle pregnancy testing school	Blackall , 29-30 May
RCS Grazing clinic	Emerald , 30 May
RCS Grazing for profit 'special edition'	Toowoomba , 1-7 June

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