



# Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) recently released a new Carbon Calculator. The Calculator has been based on the Sheep and Beef Greenhouse Accounting Framework tool and will help producers identify their net greenhouse gas emissions. MLA Environmental Markets Project Manager, Katelyn Lubcke, said "The value of using the tool is that it provides the 'starting point' for the emissions reduction process as well as providing insights into your individual business' position." [Read more about MLA's Carbon Calculator.](#)

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

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## Gully remediation with Bob Shepherd

Ever wondered what it would take to fix severe gully erosion? In this video from Tropical North Queensland Drought Hub, well-known and respected extension officer, Bob Shepherd, describes how the Nicholas family of Paynes Lagoon near Charters Towers, transformed an active and severely eroded site into a stable and rejuvenated feature of the landscape. Bob describes it as 'one of the better projects he has been involved in'.



[Click here to watch the Paynes Lagoon success story.](#)

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**Dryland cotton, grazing gamba, weight gain with fly tags, leucaena + more!**



If you missed the Douglas Daly Field Day in April, don't worry, we've got you covered. The key messages shared at the event centred around sustainability and integration of mixed farming in the northern beef industry. Specifically, attendees heard from local graziers and researchers about establishing cotton and leucaena, strategies to graze gamba grass effectively, the extra weight gained by cattle with fly tags over the wet season, improving herd genetics, and much more.

[Read the highlights of the Douglas Daly Field Day →](#)

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## Key messages from Breeding EDGE Kununurra



The MLA Breeding EDGE workshop is an information-packed three-day event hosted by knowledgeable industry professionals. There were several key takeaways from the Kununurra event that can be used to improve herd reproduction while boosting performance and profits.

[Here's what the Kununurra Breeding EDGE attendees took away →](#)

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## Making cent\$ of carbon and emissions on-farm



Agriculture Victoria has released a 10-page publication describing ways primary production businesses can gain a better understanding of their business' emissions and improve carbon sequestration. The document suggests a range of activities, from the fairly easily achieved, such as comparing your electricity use and tariff to other providers, to the more complex considerations, for instance, strategic tree planting.

[Download your copy \(PDF, 3.8 MB\) →](#)

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## What makes station staff stick around?



Staff retention has for a long while been recognised as a challenge for the pastoral industry. However, Pastoral Extension Officer, Stacey Holzapfel, has been doing some research with both current and ex stationhands, headstockmen, managers, and recruiters, to see what makes employees leave and what encourages them to stay.

[Here's what Stacey learnt →](#)

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## Northern Grassfed Carcass Competition: Are you ready?



After the success of last year's competition, the Northern Grassfed Carcass Competition, is on again. The competition gives cattle producers an opportunity to receive detailed carcass feedback through the MSA grading process while participating in some friendly competition for bragging rights.

[Find out how your cattle can obtain maximum points →](#)

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## Job opportunities and professional development

### Alice Springs Pastoral Extension Officer, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

The new Pastoral Extension Officer will be joining a team of experienced research and extension officers focussed on the pastoral industry in the arid rangelands. As a key member of the Livestock Industries team, you will be required to work collaboratively to plan, coordinate and conduct extension activities aimed at improving the sustainable development of pastoral industries in the Alice Springs region.

[Sound like something you'd enjoy? Find out more →](#)

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### Livestock Advisor Essentials

Livestock Advisor Essentials is an unbeatable professional development program designed for early career professionals involved in the livestock industry, or, advisors wishing to build their skills and expand their industry knowledge and networks. The program includes three face-to-face workshops covering the livestock industry building-blocks of feedbase, business, reproduction and genetics, value chain and, people and extension.

[Get all the details, here →](#)

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### How do you manage for climate variability?

We'd love to know how you manage drought and climate variability! If you're a producer in Queensland, Northern Territory, or northern Western Australia, we invite you to take part in this short [benchmarking survey](#).

Your response to the [Drought and Climate Adaptation Program's](#) survey will help inform future program planning and help map climate variability management and drought trends.

As a thank you, you can opt to receive the latest rainfall posters or be in the draw for one of three new rain gauges. You can also request a copy of the survey summary report when it's available.

To find out more contact [Program Manager, Neil Cliffe](#) or phone 13 25 23.

## Upcoming events

Building landholder pest management groups	<a href="#"><u>Proston</u></a> , 19 May
	<a href="#"><u>Mundubbera</u></a> , 31 May
	<a href="#"><u>Monto</u></a> , 1 June

Pay dirt: managing unthrifty sown pastures	<a href="#">Wallumbilla</a> , 19 May
Northern Australia Food Futures Conference	<a href="#">Darwin</a> , 22-25 May
Breeding EDGE	<a href="#">Jundah</a> , 23-25 May <a href="#">Roma</a> , 19-21 June
RCS Business fundamentals workshop	<a href="#">Brisbane</a> , 23-26 May <a href="#">Warwick</a> , 5-7 June
Unlock the toolshed	<a href="#">Glenmorgan</a> , 24 May
Camel handling day	<a href="#">Stanley Downs</a> , 25 May
Future farmers lunch	<a href="#">Darwin</a> , 25 May
Cattle pregnancy testing school	<a href="#">Blackall</a> , 29-30 May
RCS Grazing clinic	<a href="#">Emerald</a> , 30 May
Digitising pasture management	<a href="#">Roma</a> , 31 May
Lead with certainty	<a href="#">Rockhampton</a> , 1-2 June
RCS Grazing for profit 'special edition'	<a href="#">Toowoomba</a> , 1-7 June
Soil pit day	<a href="#">Mundubbera</a> , 1 June
Pasture dieback field day	<a href="#">Boonah</a> , 2 June
Hungerford field day	<a href="#">Hungerford</a> , 2 June
Forecasting for decision making	<a href="#">Longreach</a> , 2 June
Business EDGE	<a href="#">Barcaldine</a> , 5-6 June <a href="#">Emerald</a> , 8-9 June
Productive persistent legumes	<a href="#">Taroom</a> , 6 June <a href="#">Goondiwindi</a> , 8 June
Future Drought Fund science to practice online forum	<a href="#">Online</a> , 6-8 June

Nutrition EDGE	<a href="#">Cloncurry</a> , 6-8 June
FarmFest field days	<a href="#">Toowoomba</a> , 6-8 June
Jason Strong dinner	<a href="#">Gympie</a> , 9 June
Beef business succession planning	<a href="#">Richmond</a> , 8 June
The Leucaena Network conference	<a href="#">Mackay</a> , 13-15 June
Victoria River District Conservation Association field day	<a href="#">Delamere station via Katherine</a> , 15 June

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