



Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

The Bureau of Meteorology has released their forecast for the [July to September period](#). Temperatures are expected to be warmer than average, accompanied by below average rainfall. While this won't affect everyone, those hoping for a bit of clover-stimulating rain are likely to miss out this year.

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...

Thanks for reading,

Jodie

on behalf of the FutureBeef team

Providing artificial shade in treeless plains to increase calf survival

Foetal and calf losses have been identified as a significant issue by beef producers in northern Australia. Prior research has found heat stress to potentially be a contributing factor when the temperature and humidity are high for at least two weeks during the month of calving.



Dr Kieren McCosker shares the impact of shade shelters on reducing calf wastage in a paddock on the Barkly Tableland, [in this recorded webinar](#).

Dung sampling: Your questions answered



Dung sampling for dietary analysis is the best way to determine the nutritional status of your herd. The results can tell you what is missing from their diet, what is limiting performance, and when there is likely to be a response to supplementation.

[Here are the answers to frequently asked questions →](#)

WA Pastoralists: Are your heifers phosphorus deficient?



Kimberley and Pilbara pastoralists are invited to take part in a new phosphorus deficiency testing project, called 'Are your heifers deficient?'. The project offers to test 30 heifers for phosphorus deficiency with those stations testing as deficient being offered a free consultation with a qualified ruminant nutritionist.

[Read why Argyle Downs is participating →](#)

Mealybugs, viruses and susceptibility the focus of pasture dieback field day



Mealybugs, viruses, and species susceptibility were the topics of discussion at a pasture dieback field day held at Boonah in early June. "Mealybugs feed on leaves and roots of grasses," shared DAF Principal Entomologist, Melina Miles. "The pasture dieback symptoms are the plant's response to the feeding damage," she continued.

[Read what else attendees heard →](#)

Be on the front foot for sale season



Looking at buying a new bull or ram this sale season? Here are 5 tools and resources from Meat & Livestock Australia to help you make the best decision for your herd or flock.

[Check it out →](#)

Forage budgeting: Accurate starting yield estimate proves key



Attendees of recent Stocktake workshops were astonished to learn the benefits of conducting multiple pasture cuts when estimating the starting yield for a forage budget. "Getting your starting figure as accurate as possible is key to having confidence in your dry season forage budget," said Senior Beef Extension Officer, Greg Bath. "Although using pasture yield photo-standards is helpful, until you get your eye in, you are likely to be greatly over or underestimating."

[Increase your forage budget accuracy →](#)

Good listening: Want to supplement with molasses? Here's how.



In this episode, host Jayne Cuddihy joins Senior Beef Extension Officer, Mick Sullivan and Ian and Penny McGibbon at their property at Saint Lawrence, to gain practical insight into how some of Mick's supplementation guidelines have been applied and tap into Ian's extensive supplementation regime.

[Listen to the latest FutureBeef Podcast episode →](#)

The results are in: Clermont Cattlemen's Challenge



The Clermont Cattlemen's Challenge has been part of the Clermont Show for many years. It is a marathon competition, with a pen of 5 steers monitored over 12 months for their market suitability including performance on grass and in the feedlot. Each grazer then nominates one animal for the carcass competition where the cube roll is submitted to the taste test competition.

[Here's how it went →](#)

Droughtmaster and Northern Beef Producers Expo update



In early June, members of the Droughtmaster breed society visited Spyglass Beef Research Facility to hear how the Droughtmaster herd involved in the Repronomics trial have contributed to the advancement of estimated breeding values. The group then continued on to the Northern Beef Producers Expo.

[Read more →](#)

But wait, there's more!

Can't get enough of the Northern Territory Department of Industry Tourism and Trade?

Be sure to check out the [AgricultureNT](#) Facebook group! AgricultureNT provides factual, relevant information to the Northern Territory community, industry and key stakeholders about current programs, research, import and export stats as well as snippets from the team working in the field. Anyone can join the AgricultureNT Facebook group, offering a platform for the community to ask questions and interact with other relevant stakeholders and the Department.

Improved FORAGE reports and updated rainfall posters

Improvements have been made to the FORAGE ground cover report that will provide increased capacity for remote monitoring of property ground cover by lot on plan or by paddock. Additionally, the rainfall and pasture growth posters have also been updated to March 2023.

[See what else has been enhanced, here →](#)

Upcoming events

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| Farm business resilience program pop up office | Barcaldine , 28 June Blackall , 29 June |
| Cattle, carbon and sustainability | Crows Nest , 28 June Toogoolawah , 29 June Gatton , 4 July Boonah , 5 July |
| NT DITT Brahman and tropical composite bull sale | Online , 4 July |
| Stand by what you sell (WA) | Online , 4 July at 7.30 pm |
| Stand by what you sell (Qld) | Online , 5 July at 12 pm |
| Weaner education school | Charleville , 7-9 July |
| Soil solutions workshop | Georgetown , 12 July |
| GroWQ Innovation expo | Longreach , 13 July |
| Nature-based solutions conference and expo | Brisbane , 17-19 July |
| Pilbara beef industry field day | Sylvania Station (via Newman) , 19 July |
| BeefUp forum | Alice Springs , 21 July |
| BeefUp and Herd management forum | Brunette Downs , 24-27 July |
| Breeding EDGE | Katherine , 25-27 July |
| Succession planning for farming families | St George , 25 July Roma , 26 July |
| Saleyards leadership masterclass | Gold Coast , 25 July |
| Nutrition EDGE | Alice Springs , 26-28 July |
| RCS Business Fundamentals workshop | Online , 31 July |

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