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Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

As you will be aware, Indonesia has suspended live cattle imports from four export facilities in northern Australia due to concerns of the animals arriving with Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD). Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Mark Schipp, has issued a statement that Australia is, and remains, free from LSD and we are confident of our disease-free status. The industry and the states and territories are working closely with the Australian Government to provide the assurances sought by Indonesia's authorities.

More information about LSD, including signs and symptoms, can be found on the [Animal Health Australia website](#).

A recent study conducted by CSIRO spin-off company, VolconIQ, has found an increase in acceptance of the live export industry by the Australian public. When asked whether live exports should be stopped regardless of the impact on farmers, 29% of participants agreed in 2023, while 42% disagreed (increasing from 37% in 2019). Additionally, in 2023, 64% of participants agreed the industry supports the diet and nutrition to people overseas (increasing substantially from 55% in 2019). Read more of the study findings, [here](#).

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.

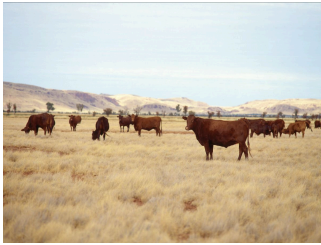
Introducing Paddock Power: a new tool for planning paddock development

Are you considering planning new fencing or adding extra water points? Paddock Power is a new tool that supports producers with their individual property planning and decision-making. Potentially the tool's greatest strength is its ability to compare potential infrastructure investment scenarios, allowing the user to determine which option will provide the best value for their investment.

[Find out more with Dr Dionne Walsh of Range IQ, in this recorded webinar \(40 minutes\).](#)



WA Shoo flies trial: Did fly tags make a difference?



The WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has recently published the findings from an insecticidal fly tag trial. Using 300 heifers, the trial aimed to quantify the reduction in insect burden for cattle with the use of insecticidal fly tags, measure the resulting differences in weight gain, and estimate any reduction in insect-borne diseases.

[The results are in →](#)

Good listening: How to make your stock thrive in the dry season



In this episode of the FutureBeef Podcast, we're exploring options for supplementing stock in the dry season. Why should we do it, when should we do it, and how can we do it in the most cost-effective way?

Tune in to get the lowdown from Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Senior Beef Extension Officer, Mick Sullivan, and Ian Gibbons, of Amitdale at St Lawrence.

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New project: Queensland Pasture Resilience Program



Graziers are set to benefit from world-class research and extension as part of the new \$24.4 million Queensland Pasture Resilience Program. Building on leading research by agronomists, the program will focus on grazing land management across the state and sown pastures in north, central and southern Queensland.

[Find out more →](#)

Bull fertility: There's no way of knowing, without testing

When discussing bull fertility, Mark Madew, of Cundarra Santa Gertrudis Stud, says "The only way to really know is to get in and test him."



"We've had a few interesting experiences," Mr Madew said. "The first year we did it, we were on the back of a spell of really hot weather and all the bulls tested up negative. We thought it was a complete disaster—but it was just a snapshot in time, so we re-tested two months later and the majority of the herd passed with flying colours. It (the bull check) doesn't always tell you what you want to hear but it's a critical part of our operations."

[Find out more about bull breeding soundness evaluations →](#)

NT: Crops for Cattle project



Field work has recently begun for the Crops for Cattle project. The Crops for Cattle project is being conducted on eight commercial properties across the Northern Territory as well as two Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade research stations. The project will focus on the integration of cropping and cattle production systems with the majority of the feed being sourced through local cropping and feed mills.

[Read more information →](#)

Be ready for showtime: Helpful advice from Integrity Systems Company



Taking cattle to a show, whether the local event or your state's royal show, can be a fun and exciting event. However, wherever there are many animals from different locations, there is always a slight risk of a disease outbreak. In this article, Integrity Systems Company steps through what you need to do before, during, and after, attending a show.

[Know your obligations →](#)

Ag Career Start: Fostering tomorrow's farmers



AgCAREERSTART is a federally funded program delivered by the National Farmers Federation. It is a 10–12-month program placing young Australians aged 17-25 on farms across Australia. This program is unique in that it links farmers looking for workers and AgCAREERSTART participants who are keen to start their career in agriculture together. National Farmers Federation is currently recruiting host farmers across Australia and in all agricultural industries who can employ a full-time employee in 2024 to start on farm between January and March 2024.

[Here's more information →](#)

But wait, there's more!

The Centre for Rural Criminology requests your assistance

Farm crime has cast a long and troubling shadow across our rural landscapes. The Centre for Rural Criminology is requesting participation in a survey, that aims to amplify the voices of those most affected — farmers and land holders.

[Find out more about the survey →](#)

Survey request: The perceptions of abortion in cattle

Researchers affiliated with Charles Sturt University are conducting a study on the perception and attitude of abortion in cattle, comparing veterinarians and farmers. If you are a cattle producer, you are invited to participate.

Queensland landholders: \$10,000 available for carbon farming advice

The Land Restoration Fund's Carbon Farming Advice Scheme (CFAS) is open for applications.

Eligible landholders who want to investigate the potential for carbon farming and co-benefit generation on their property can access up to \$10,000 worth of advice from approved advisers through CFAS.

If you are a Queensland landholder, [check your eligibility and find out how to apply](#).

If you are a Land Restoration Fund Approved Adviser, [check out the improvements to the program](#) and how they will affect you so you can be ready to provide quotes and quality advice for landholders.

Upcoming events

What's your plan?	Muttaborra , 8 August Winton , 9 August Longreach , 10 August
NT DITT Brahman and tropical composite cow sale	Online , 2 August
Mental health first aid	Mitchell , 2-4 August
Agtech field day	Belmont Research Station , 10 August
Northern Beef Research Update Conference	Darwin , 22-25 August
RCS Farming and grazing for profit	Roma , 23-29 August
Grazing Fundamentals EDGE	Dunkeld , 23 August
Pest and weed symposium	Dalby , 28-31 August
Grazing land management EDGE	Katherine , 28-30 August
Building resilience in grazing	Taroom , 29 August
Climate savvy grazing decisions	Eromanga , 29 August Nebine , 31 August

Regenerative rangelands 2023

[Longreach](#), 30-31 August

Alejandro Carrillo grazing workshop

[Longreach](#), 1-2 September

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