



# Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

As you have no doubt heard, the Bureau of Meteorology recently declared that Australia is entering an El Niño phase, coupled with a positive Indian Ocean Dipole. Put simply, this means they are now very confident in their previous long-term forecasts of a drier and warmer than average spring and summer. This video from the Bureau of Meteorology [explains the current situation in more detail](#) (4 minutes).

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](#), [X](#) 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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## Strategies to reduce tick burdens with ParaBoss and Dr Lee Taylor

Meat & Livestock Australia have estimated cattle ticks to cost the industry over \$160 million per year in lost production. In this recorded webinar hosted by ParaBoss, Dr Lee Taylor steps through when, how and why to treat your cattle for ticks while addressing risks of existing chemical resistance.



[Click here to watch \*Getting a jump on ticks this spring\* →](#)

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## The double whammy effect of dry season nutrition



At this time of year, not only is the nutrient content of the pasture declining, so too is digestibility. As a result cattle eat much less poorer quality pasture. This double whammy effect compounds the nutritional challenges cattle face during the dry season, often resulting in an animal's nutritional requirements not being met.

[Beef extension officer, Bec Clapperton, explains →](#)

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## NT trial results: Rotational grazing of Gamba grass



Gamba grass is a perennial tussock that grows quickly, becoming tall and unpalatable, resulting in it being declared a Weed of National Significance. However, traditional control methods, such as herbicide application, can be difficult to conduct due to the remote location of some established infestations.

A recent grazing trial in the Northern Territory, has quantified the impact of rotational grazing on Gamba grass, including not only the suppression of plant growth, but also the liveweight average daily gains of the cattle that graze it over the wet season.

[Find out more →](#)

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## **Tackling staff retention through leadership training in northern WA**



Providing professional development and career progression opportunities has been identified as a strategy to retain staff in the pastoral industry. Together with the Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Association, the Western Australia Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development held two leadership workshops for mid-career station personnel, facilitated by Tammy Kruckow and Steve Burke.

[Read more →](#)

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## **Accurate forecasts + informed land managers = realised opportunities**



"To manage risk, you must first understand it" was the key message delivered at a recent Climate Savvy Grazing workshop held at Nebine in South West Queensland. Run by Climate Mate, John McLaughlin, and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the interactive event encouraged attendees to share decision making processes they have used previously, as well as discuss how they might use climate driver information in the future.

[Read more about how climate data can be used to influence decision making →](#)

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## **Bushfire season preparedness: Business continuity plan**



When faced with an emergency such as a bushfire we need to be able to respond quickly to preserve life and property. The Queensland Department of Business has prepared a Business continuity plan template. The comprehensive guide encourages users to identify risks to their business and consider what actions might need to be undertaken to either prepare for, or mitigate, these risks.

[Be sure to check it out for yourself →](#)

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## Decision paralysis to decision analysis: Matching stocking rates with forage



The Wambiana grazing trial project team have compiled their many years of research into a number of easy to read fact sheets and decision frameworks.

In this article, the team share their learnings about matching stocking rates with available forage, including tips and tricks for young players, and a decision making framework.

[Have a look for yourself →](#)

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## North Australia Beef Research Council medals awarded, and we're a bit proud



Every three years, the North Australia Beef Research Council awards medals to those who have gone above and beyond to advance the industry. While all winners were deserving of their prestigious award, this year, we couldn't be prouder to have two of our very own beef extension officers recognised amongst other high calibre recipients and nominees.

[Congratulations, Bernie and Kylie →](#)

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## Did you know, you can have your ticks tested for chemical resistance?



**Fun fact:** Cattle ticks are remarkably adept at developing genetic mutations in order to develop resistance to chemicals used for their control.

**Not fun fact:** Some cattle ticks have [developed resistance to commonly used chemical treatments](#) such as organochlorines, organophosphates, carbamates, amidines, synthetic pyrethroids and fluazuron, making control of the external parasites a complex and multifaceted process.

However, did you know the Queensland Biosecurity Sciences Laboratory can conduct testing on ticks to determine what chemicals they are resistant to? This service is free of charge for Queensland producers. Contact your local vet, Biosecurity Inspector, or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries hotline on 13 25 23 for more information.

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## Good listening: Life on the Land with Michelle Moriarty



The language around grief can be a conundrum – what to say, how to say it, when to say it? But Michelle Moriarty, the Western Australian winner of the AgriFutures Rural Woman of the Year, has dedicated herself to breaking down the barriers.

[Listen to Michelle Moriarty's interview on Life on the Land podcast →](#)

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## Two new publications from Bush Agribusiness

Top Studs 2023 is an online publication designed to assist commercial beef producers to identify and assess potential seedstock sources that will improve genetic progress and their bottom line. [Find out more about Top Studs 2023, here.](#)

The 2023 Australian Beef Report comes off the back of three years of exceptional markets and seasonal conditions across much of Australia. When combined with the 2017 and 2020 reports, the 2023 report provides a long-term picture of beef business performance available. Get more information about the [2023 Australian Beef Report, here.](#)

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## AgriFutures Rural Women's Award applications are now open

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Award is Australia's leading award empowering and celebrating the inclusive and courageous leadership of women involved in rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities, now and into the future. The award opens doors to professional development and alumni networks, as well as providing a \$15,000 grant for the state winner to support their project. State winners will then go on to compete for the national prize.

[Applications close 25 October →](#)

## Upcoming events

Environmental credentials for Australian grassfed beef IT platform pilot

[Online:](#)  
28 September, 7-8 pm  
29 September, 8-9 am  
29 September, 12-1 pm

Breeding EDGE

[Hughenden](#), 4-6 October  
[Cloncurry](#), 1-3 November

BredWell FedWell Northern beef workshop

[Charters Towers](#), 5 October

Sensible supplementation workshop	<a href="#">Greenvale</a> , 10 October <a href="#">Pentland</a> , 11 October <a href="#">Belyando</a> , 12 October <a href="#">Alpha</a> , 13 October
Soil carbon: What's it all about?	<a href="#">Longreach</a> , 12 October
The season ahead: The latest climate outlook and insights for summer in South West Queensland	<a href="#">Online</a> , 12 October, 7:30-8:30pm
Boobyjan and surrounds farm soils forum	<a href="#">Boobyjan</a> , 14 October
Be finance ready	<a href="#">Bundaberg</a> , 18 October <a href="#">Dulacca</a> , 25 October <a href="#">Warwick</a> , 1 November
Channel Country Ladies Day	<a href="#">Bedourie</a> , 20-22 October
Better beef breeder management	<a href="#">Glastonbury</a> , 21 October
Nutrition EDGE	<a href="#">Kununurra</a> , 24-26 October <a href="#">Katherine</a> , 1-3 November <a href="#">Charters Towers</a> , 8-10 November
Accessing free data for your grazing property	<a href="#">Online</a> : 25 October, 7-8:30 am 25 October, 12:30-2 pm 26 October, 12:30-2 pm 26 October, 6:30-8 pm
Dinner and Panel: Q & A session of goat experts from producers to processing	<a href="#">Longreach</a> , 27 October
Calf Alive research update	<a href="#">Mount Isa</a> , 8 November
Carbon EDGE pilot	<a href="#">Mackay</a> , 9-10 November <a href="#">Alice Springs</a> , 28-29 November
Australasian Pacific Extension Network conference	<a href="#">Launceston</a> , 14-16 November
RCS Grazing for Profit	<a href="#">Townsville</a> , 22-28 November
Business EDGE	<a href="#">Brisbane</a> , 29-30 November

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