



Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

The Bureau of Meteorology has released their forecast for the [February to April period](#). The forecast shows a high chance of below average rainfall for much of northern Australia. However, this is the northern wet season and many of these areas typically have high rainfall at this time of year. Temperatures are also likely to be warmer than usual for most of Australia.

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,

Nicole
on behalf of FutureBeef

Learnings from over 20 years of research at the Wambiana Grazing Trial

Running since 1997, 'The Wambiana Grazing Trial' has provided valuable insights into managing for climate variability. Dr Peter O'Reagain highlights the key strategies including:

- Stock around your long term carrying capacity, making sure to adjust stock numbers to match available forage.
- Be risk averse. Act early, with fast decreases and slow increases in stock numbers.
- Use regular wet season spelling.
- Use fire to manage the grass / bush balance.



[Watch this short video with key learnings →](#)

3 day sickness alert



Bovine Ephemeral Fever or 3 day sickness is on the rise following recent rains and flooding. The disease presents with sudden onset fever, reluctance to eat, discharge from the mouth, eyes and nose, shivering, lameness and muscular stiffness. It's crucial to keep a close eye on your herd and consider vaccination to prevent the disease. If you suspect your cattle may have 3 day sickness or need more information, contact your local veterinarian or advisor.

[Click here to find out more →](#)

Support available for Queensland producers affected by cyclone



Has your farm business been affected by ex-Tropical Cyclone Kirrily? Queensland primary producers can report damage or losses via our [Disaster Impact Survey](#). Reports help determine if additional assistance is needed to support the recovery needs of impacted communities. You'll need to include date-stamped photos, which most phone cameras do automatically.

[Head here for further information →](#)

Outback genetic innovation: the BreedNorth WA project



In the vast landscapes of the Kimberley and Pilbara, the BreedNorth WA Project, backed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, is revolutionising beef breeding. Over two years, the team visited 35 stations and integrated a WA-based Droughtmaster stud into BREEDPLAN, enhancing genetic decisions for pastoralists. Now entering its second phase, the project focuses on developing new and refining existing selection indexes as well as conducting Breeding for Profit workshops and expanding property visits.

[Find out how you can be involved →](#)

Victoria River District legume demo



Exciting developments are underway in the Northern Territory's pastoral landscape as the Department of Industry, Tourism, and Trade (DITT) collaborates with the University of New England (UNE) to explore the potential of forage legumes. This demonstration project focuses on weaner live weight gain benchmarks, legume establishment methods, and monitoring different seedbed preparation and management strategies.

[Find out more about this demo →](#)

Driving productivity from the ground up



Queensland beef producers Ash Duncan and Jess Morton are proactively ensuring the sustainability of their family's Mount Hope property by implementing MLA's PayDirt North program for pasture improvement. Their strategic approach involves personalised soil assessments, targeted grazing plans, and a commitment to enhancing one pasture at a time based on soil test results, reflecting a thoughtful and science-driven approach to long-term land management.

[Read more about what they have done →](#)

Are you prepared for climate challenges?



Join the Farm Business Resilience Program for access to training, workshops, and resources to help you plan for various business challenges. This Queensland program helps you to examine all aspects of your business so you can make the most of opportunities and better adapt to climate changes.

[For more information visit our website or call 13 25 23 →](#)

Learnings from previous floods

Our thoughts are with all those impacted by recent flood waters. Being in the middle of such devastation can be confronting and challenging. With this in mind, we have compiled some information outlining some things to do as soon as you can, things to do when you get time and looking after your pasture, livestock and yourself.

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Upcoming events (times are displayed in AEST)

The 'so what' of carbon in agriculture	<u>Webinar</u> , 14 February
Regenerative Pasture Management Field Walk	<u>Tuchekoi</u> , 15 February
Carbon EDGE pilot	<u>Roma</u> , 15-16 February
Rain Gauge: Forecasting for a profitable future (Module 2)	<u>Chinchilla</u> , 19 February
Nutrition EDGE	<u>Longreach</u> , 19-21 February <u>Emerald</u> , 27-29 February <u>Katherine</u> , 27-29 March <u>Broome</u> , 3-5 April
Ag Succession and Future Proofing Forum	<u>Emerald</u> , 20 February
Rain Gauge: Forecasting for a profitable future (Modules 2 & 3)	<u>Blackall</u> , 21-22 February
Business EDGE	<u>Broome</u> , 21-22 February <u>Mt Isa</u> , 18-19 March <u>Longreach</u> , 3-4 June <u>Cunnamulla</u> , 6-7 June <u>Rockhampton</u> , 21-22 November

Goat Forum and Dinner	Cunnamulla , 22 February
On Farm Connectivity Program + Farmbot Demo	Webinar , 26 February
Property Management - Understanding financial systems	Lakeland , 27 February
Feeding leucaena for maximum profit	Webinar , 28 February
Excel workshop	Mareeba , 28 February
RCS Grazing for Profit	Broome , 28 February-5 March
Breeding EDGE	Hughenden , 28 February-1 March Katherine , 6-8 March Springsure , 25-27 March
Business Fundamentals 12-week course	Online , 5 March-21 May
RCS Grazing Clinic 12-week course	Online , 6 March-22 May
Farm/Grazing Business Resilience	Stanthorpe , 7 March Millmerran , 8 March Springsure , 11 March Blackwater , 12 March Middlemount , 13 March Jandowae , 13 March Goomeri , 14 March
Beef Export Pricing Forum	Fortitude Valley , 11 March
Suncorp Agribusiness Summit Field Day	Billa Billa , 13 March
Suncorp Agribusiness Summit Conference	Goondiwindi , 14 March
Beef Australia	Rockhampton , 5-11 May
FarmFest	Toowoomba , 4-6 June
AgGrow	Emerald , 20-22 June
Joint AAAS & AAAP Animal Production Congress	Melbourne , 8-12 July

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