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Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

We hope you had or are still having a good break over Easter.

It is time to start thinking about how to manage dry season feed and cattle nutrition. Both topics are covered in this issue, including tools for pasture condition assessment in the magnificent Kimberley rangelands.

Unfortunately, pasture dieback has been on the move in Queensland – scroll down for details.

We also have an inspiring story about the practical benefits of business planning for livestock enterprises, plus much more – enjoy!

Don't forget to check out upcoming events, it is a little less hectic than last month 😊.

As always, we welcome your 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,

Felicity
on behalf of the FutureBeef team

Feeding leucaena for maximum profits

If you missed last month's webinar, never fear the recording is here! Find out the latest research findings on feeding leucaena including where it can grow, establishment tips and maximising grazing benefits.

[Watch the recording →](#)



BeefConnect webinar: Northern Australia Coordination Network – Enhancing preparedness for emergency animal diseases



Join veterinarian and Queensland NACN coordinator Ben Rhodes, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (Queensland) for an update on the new network, Australia's priority emergency animal diseases (EADs) and biosecurity property planning. The webinar is on the 23 April from 12.30–1.30pm AEST.

[Register now →](#)

Introduction to rangeland pastures in the Kimberley



This article explores key aspects of pasture condition, identification and assessment tools for the Kimberley rangelands. It includes examples and explanations of pastures in good, fair and poor condition.

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Indonesian animal science students build skills and relationships in the NT



The Indonesia-Northern Territory Biosecurity Program is for young Indonesian animal science students to build skills and relationships across industry and governments in the Northern Territory and Indonesia with a focus on improving biosecurity practices in Indonesia.

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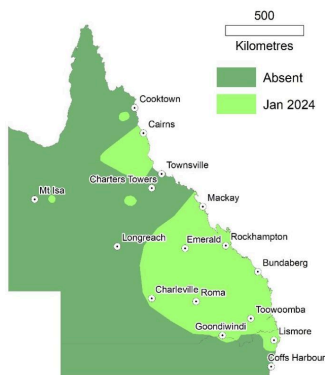
Super savings from the sun



A Northern Territory cattle station is saving thousands of dollars a year by switching water bore pumps from diesel power to solar.

[Find out how in this Business Bulletin article →](#)

Pasture dieback detected in new areas of Queensland



The first occurrence of pasture dieback in areas of northern, southern and western Queensland have been detected after the 2023/24 summer rainfall. Keep a close eye out!

[Read this Queensland Pastures article for more details →](#)

It's time to start thinking about how you're going to manage dry season feed



As the end of the wet season and the first round muster approaches, two questions to consider are “Have we got enough feed for the stock that we are currently running until December?” and if not, “How much do we need to destock at the first muster?”

[Here are some tips and tools to help answer these questions →](#)

Dealing with the double whammy nutrition effect: part two



Every dry season we are hit with the double whammy nutrition effect, of declining nutrient levels and digestibility in pasture. There are several strategies you can use to prepare for the double whammy.

[Find out about these strategies here →](#)

Case study—Benefits of business planning



Steve and Gill Wittwer have weathered severe climate events in their 10 years on “Tranquility” south of Monto, Queensland. In this case study, they share their journey to developing a business plan and goals, initially to access funding to be better prepared for future droughts.

However, it also helped them ‘think much more about their business direction’ and Steve ‘recommends it to all graziers even if not applying for a grant’.

[Read more →](#)

Transport Hub—Improving livestock movement for the long haul



Meat & Livestock Australia's new Transport Hub brings together everything you need to know about transporting livestock safely, legally and humanely anywhere in Australia.

It can help you find information on your roles and responsibilities whether you're a producer, transport operator, agent, lot feeder, processor, operating in a saleyard, or elsewhere in the supply chain.

[Visit the Transport Hub →](#)

The power of a mind reset

For practical strategies to help with our sometimes unhelpful thinking patterns check out this great article by Martin McGlone, Business Wellness Coach, in the the February edition of the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Southern Queensland newsletter.

[Click here to read the article →](#)

Upcoming events (times are displayed in AEST)

Grazing land management (GLM) EDGE	<u>Katherine</u> , 16–18 April
TSBE Maranoa Ag Innovation Expo	<u>Roma</u> , 17 April
Farm Business Resilience Workshop	<u>Gracemere</u> , 17 April
Plant identification workshops	<u>Charleville</u> , 17 April <u>Toompine</u> , 19 April
Building resilience through establishing leucaena and legume-based pastures field day	<u>Mt Beppo</u> , 18 April
Alton Downs Farmers Day	<u>Alton Downs</u> , 20 April
What's your plan?	<u>Glenmorgan</u> , 23 April
Worm egg counting	<u>Mitchell</u> , 23 April <u>Augathella</u> , 24 April
Preventative measures for flood recovery	<u>Moffatdale</u> , 24 April
Changemaker workshops	<u>Mareeba</u> , 29–30 April <u>Mareeba</u> , 2–3 May

Be decision ready	St George , 30 April Bollon , 1 May
Beef Australia	Rockhampton , 5–11 May
SQNNNSW Innovation Hub Wellbeing Workshop	Stanthorpe , 9 May
BeefUp Forum	Pilbara , 23–24 May
Burnett Mary Paddock to Reef Regional Science Forum	Bundaberg , 28 May
Brian Pastures Field Day	Gayndah , 29 May
Soil and Water Expo	Stanthorpe , 31 May
FarmFest	Toowoomba , 4–6 June
AgGrow	Emerald , 20–22 June
National Renewables in Agriculture Conference and Expo	Toowoomba , 4 July
Joint AAAS & AAAP Animal Production Congress	Melbourne , 8–12 July

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