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Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

Summer is well and truly here and so is another bumper eBulletin. There are producer stories from Western Australia and the Northern Territory (NT) using different tech and grazing strategies. The NT Selected Brahman project is celebrating an amazing 30 years. Speaking of longevity, the Wambiana grazing trial is just kicking off a new grazing treatment.

Check out the recently launched Herd XL app and other tools for taking the guesswork out of buying and selling cattle, including bulls. NLIS has a call out for producers interested in trialling new eID devices — link to the application below. There are also reminders to keep an eye out for pimelea, preventing clostridial disease in your herd and strategies to minimise urea poisoning.

If you've ever thought about doing an EDGE training course now is the time — there are a heap scheduled between now and the end of the year — see the list of events at the end of this email.

The next BeefConnect webinar *Managing infectious causes of reproductive loss in beef herds* is on Tuesday 17 September from 12:30 to 1:30 PM AEST. To register, [click here](#).

BOM's latest *Spring 2024 climate and water long-range forecast* was issued on 29 August. To watch the video, [click here](#).

Kind regards

Felicity
on behalf of the FutureBeef team

P.S. Let us know what you think of the FutureBeef eBulletin via [email](#) or call us on 13 25 23 (for the cost of a local call in Queensland). You can also connect with us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#), or check us out on [YouTube](#). We'd love to hear from you!

New pasture restoration treatment on Wambiana grazing trial

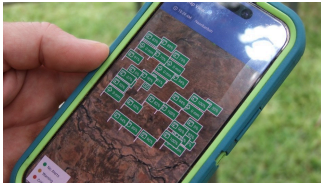
An exciting new pasture restoration treatment has begun on DAF's long-term Wambiana grazing trial near Charters Towers. It is using high animal densities, short grazing periods and long rests to try and accelerate pasture recovery. This is the first time short duration grazing will be tested in a replicated trial.



[Watch the video →](#)

[Read more about this and other grazing projects →](#)

How Debesa and Noonkanbah stations harness innovation for sustainable cattle management



Both Debesa and Noonkanbah were among the twenty-seven approved recipients of the Producer Innovation Fast Track (PIFT) Grant, administered by the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development in Western Australia. In this article, Kurt Finger explains how they are using the solar-powered water level monitors with rain gauges purchased through the PIFT Grant.

[Read more →](#)

Celebrating 30 years of Selected Brahmans



The hardiness of the Brahman breed means that they are one of the most popular breeds in the Top End of the Northern Territory (NT). To improve Brahman fertility traits, the Livestock Industries team in the NT Department of Industry Tourism and Trade has been running the Selected Brahman project since 1994.

[Check out the progress that's been achieved →](#)

Shifting from intuition-based to data-informed decisions at Mulga Park



Getting complete and accurate herd and grazing data is not easy. Shane and Alethea Nicolle of Mulga Park, 420 kilometres southwest of Alice Springs agree. After participating in the [Rain Ready Rangelands Paddock Challenge](#), they are keen to use the final data to improve grazing strategies and herd performance.

[Download the Mulga Park case study →](#)

The Martin's 5-year herd improvement plan for Mt Denison



Before getting involved in the [Rain Ready Rangelands Paddock Challenge](#) Alan, Terry and Robert Martin 'wanted to implement some changes but were not really too sure about how to go about it.' In this case study, the Martin's share what they gained through the Challenge and how they are using this information to achieve their goals.

[Download the Mt Denison case study →](#)

Pimelea about in Western Queensland



There have been some enquiries about pimelea and pimelea poisoning of cattle in Western Queensland. Please keep an eye out and if you have any concerns contact your local veterinarian. The *Understanding pimelea poisoning of cattle* guide has detailed information, photos and producer case studies on how to manage it.

[Download a copy of the guide →](#)

Take the guesswork out of buying and selling cattle



The recently launched [Herd XL app](#) allows producers to compare scenarios when buying, selling and trading cattle. It provides five tools to maximise profit from beef cattle through better decision making. In this article, Herd XL founders Megan and Andrew Miller share how the app came to be.

[Read more →](#)

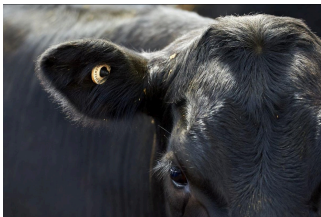
Choosing the best bulls for your business



When it comes to sourcing the next sire – or team of sires – for your herd, extensive research before sale day can make all the difference. These tools and information can help take the guesswork out of your purchasing decisions.

[Read more →](#)

Interested in trialling new eID devices on-farm?



As part of the NLIS Animal Identification Technology (AIT) approval process, producers can apply to be part of a free three-year on-farm trial.

[Apply now →](#)

Sudden death – a timely reminder about clostridial diseases



Across southern Queensland, several producers are stocking winter forage crops with young, rapidly growing cattle. All animals can be affected by clostridial disease (tetanus, malignant oedema, blackleg, pulpy kidney, black disease, botulism) however young cattle are at greater risk.

[Find out how to prevent clostridial disease in your herd →](#)

More than 500 Queensland farmers have received Drought Preparedness Grants



A total of \$14 million has been issued statewide through Drought Preparedness Grants. These grants ensure Queensland farmers can proactively prepare for and recover from droughts through practical measures like installing water tanks, building troughs and dams, and buying feed equipment.

[Are you eligible for a Drought Preparedness Grant? →](#)

[More on Drought Ready and Recovery Finance Loans →](#)

Do you have a plan for when the tap runs dry?



Independent research firm, Phillips Group wants to speak with 70 primary producers from across Queensland who have and have not created a plan for future droughts – written or otherwise. The 70 participants will receive \$200 for their time and effort.

[Find out more and sign up here →](#)

7 strategies to minimise urea poisoning



As the season progresses and pasture quality declines, supplementing the breeder herd with adequate amounts of urea, will reduce the rate of weight loss typically observed during the final quarter of the year. Here are 7 strategies to minimise potential urea poisoning.

[Read more →](#)

New technologies to monitor and control buffalo fly



Buffalo fly are persistent, difficult and expensive to manage. The purpose of this survey is to identify the management practices and needs of Queensland-based beef cattle producers. This information will be used to develop an autonomous, low-cost, reliable and robust solution appropriate for treating buffalo fly in remote locations.

[Read more about the project and complete the survey →](#)

2025 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award — applications due 9 October

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Award acknowledges women who have developed and implemented projects or businesses that have a positive impact on their rural community. Applications for the 2025 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award are open now until 9 October 2024.

[Find out what's involved and apply now →](#)

New romance novel by Geoffry Fordyce

A man of many talents Geoffry has recently published his first romance novel, Breeding. Those of you who know Geoffry and have gotten over the initial shock will appreciate that it could be called nothing else 😊 Spoiler alert, it involves cattle breeding in north Queensland. Contact Grand Secret Books at Charters Towers for a copy.

Upcoming events (times are displayed in AEST)

Rural first aid training	Longreach , 7 September Winton , 13 September Boulia , 16 September Jundah , 2 October Yaraka , 3 October
Farmers Event on World Suicide Prevention Day	Goondiwindi , 10 September
GRDC webinar – Strategic planning: moving the business to a pro-active planning mindset	Online , 11 September
Farm Business Resilience Program climate workshop	Bell , 13 September
Mental health first aid training (RFDS)	Longreach , 11–15 September
GRDC webinar – Industry update: small business CGT concessions and re-structure rollover	Online , 18 September
The season ahead - south west Queensland	Online , 30 September
Queensland Agricultural Industry Conference	Brisbane , 1–2 October
Nutrition EDGE	Winton , 1–3 October Katherine , 6–8 November
2024 Darling Downs Beef Battle	Toowoomba , 3 October
Regional Queensland Brain Reset Tour	Rockhampton , 3 October Gladstone , 4 October Emerald , 8 October Longreach , 11 October Winton , 14 October Mt Isa , 16 October Cloncurry , 17 October Richmond , 21 October Hughenden , 28 October

[Charters Towers](#), 4 November

[Georgetown](#), 6 November

[Townsville](#), 8 November

2025 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award applications close

[Online](#), 9 October

Grazing fundamentals EDGE

[Kununurra](#), 21 October

[Halls Creek](#), 23 October

[Derby](#), 25 October

Grazing land management EDGE

[Mackay](#), 12–14 November

Business EDGE Young Guns

[Mackay](#), 18–19 November

GrazingforProfit

[Townsville](#), 20–26 November

Business EDGE

[Rockhampton](#), 21–22 November

Breeding EDGE

[Katherine](#), 4–6 December

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