



# Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Hi <<First name>>

Hopefully you're managing to keep out of the worst of the heat!

This issue has a good cover of Mitchell grass - you can see what the NT Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (NT DAF) team have been up to on the Barkly. With buffalo flies on the rise, check out how to get the most out of your tags. There is also an article with key things to consider when feeding whole cottonseed.

Join the Queensland Department of Primary Industries (DPI) sown pastures team for the first of a 2-part BeefConnect webinar series on legume establishment on Tuesday 12 November from 12:30–1:30 PM AEST. The first webinar focusses on establishing legumes into existing grass pastures in the Queensland Brigalow Belt. To register, [click here](#).

The Bureau of Meteorology's latest *Summer 2024 climate and water long-range forecast* was issued on 31 October. To watch the video, [click here](#).

Kind regards

Felicity  
on behalf of the FutureBeef team

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## Wet season spelling for Mitchell grass recovery videos

Mitchell grasses contribute significantly to the diet quality and quantity across the extensive alluvial cracking clay in the Barkly region. The Mitchell Grass Recovery Project is looking at ways that wet season spelling and rotational grazing can be used to decrease the impact of seasonal variability on pasture growth and improve land condition.



[Watch the videos to find out what, why, and how →](#)

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## How Mitchell grass pasture changes within and between years



The Mitchell grasslands are renowned for their biodiversity. This new fact sheet by Leading Sheep explores how the growth, diversity and quality of Mitchell grass pastures change throughout the year and between seasons. It highlights when certain seasonal trends can impact the quality of pastures.

[Download the fact sheet →](#)

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### Effective use of buffalo fly tags



Using buffalo fly tags on cattle can be very profitable, but there is a risk that these benefits may be lost if they are not used properly. In this article Tim Schatz, Director Livestock Industries (NT DAF), goes through some key tips and tools for getting the most out of your tags.

[Read more →](#)

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### Feeding whole cottonseed



Supplementing cattle with whole cottonseed offers several benefits to their overall health and productivity. This article covers feeding levels and methods, cattle performance, storage and handling, avoiding gossypol poisoning and residues.

[Read more →](#)

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### Jackfruit shows new crop potential in Western Australia's north



A WA trial at DPIRD's Frank Wise Institute of Tropical Agriculture examined trellising alternatives to protect trees from the impact of cyclones and severe weather, as well as improve production capacity and profitability.

[For more info, click here →](#)

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### Better nutrition decisions save the day



Livestock nutrition has been a challenge for Mick Kruckow's north Queensland beef enterprise and breeding success was bearing the brunt of the impact. Mick attended one of MLA's Nutrition EDGE workshops and, after implementing some key learnings, the season ahead is looking promising.

[Find out what Mick did and the benefits →](#)

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## Poisonous plants in northern Australia



Being able to identify poisonous plants is a necessary skill for every grazer. The risk of poisoning is greatly heightened when the availability of preferred species is low, stock are hungry or are new to the area. Poisonous plants grow in many forms across Australia.

[Search list of common poisonous plants now →](#)

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## Making the most of the weather forecast



It's important for graziers to know where to get the most up-to-date and accurate climate-related information. In this webinar recording, Anne Marie Huey (Northern Australia Climate Program and Kimberley beef producer) explains the difference between climate and weather, how weather forecasts are developed, which tools are most useful when and where to find them.

[Watch the webinar →](#)

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## Confused by the weather forecast?



The Northern Australian Climate Program (NACP) has got you covered, with a new climate training course. This short online course covers important climate drivers for Northern Australia and how to effectively use forecasting tools. It is a great opportunity to increase your forecasting skills.

[To get started click here →](#)

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## Help shape the future of rural security



Have you experienced or know about farm crime in Australia? Your voice matters. The Centre for Rural Criminology are conducting the Australian Farm Crime Survey to understand and fight farm crime—but they need more responses. Plus, you could win 1 of 10 \$100 VISA cards for participating!

[Take the survey now →](#)

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## Get ready with Queensland's Livestock Severe Weather Emergency Plan



The Livestock Severe Weather Emergency Plan has been designed to help primary producers prepare for and recover from severe weather events. It is a place to record emergency contacts, property and livestock details, instructions for people managing the property if you're away, location and details of equipment, and other handy checklists.

[Get your copy now →](#)

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## Weather doesn't plan, but you can



As part of Get Ready Queensland Week, Queenslanders are urged to make an emergency plan today. No matter your personal situation, planning for extreme weather events is essential. Research shows people who are prepared for severe weather recover faster than those who rely solely on outside help.

[Read more →](#)

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## Australian farmland values mid-year update 2024

The Rural Bank Australian farmland values mid-year update report looks at the trends in farmland pricing for the first six months of 2024 from a national, state and local level.

[Download the report from the Rural Bank website →](#)

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## Is it a weaner or a steer; the need for standard herd classification guidelines

Getting accurate herd numbers is not easy; not getting clean musters, fence crawlers and unknown deaths are all contributing factors. The problem is exacerbated by inconsistent and ambiguous herd classifications. Bush AgriBusiness has drafted Herd Classification Guidelines which are being circulated for industry feedback.

[Read the draft guidelines and give your feedback here →](#)

## Upcoming events (times are displayed in AEST)

Dung beetle workshop	<a href="#">Blackall</a> , 11 November <a href="#">Winton</a> , 13 November <a href="#">Prairie</a> , 14 November
Future proofing your family grazing business	<a href="#">Townsville</a> , 12 November
Legume establishment Part 1: Research results and management recommendations webinar	<a href="#">Online</a> , 12 November
Leading multi agency teams in deep uncertainty masterclass	<a href="#">Online</a> , 12–13 November
Embracing agriculture digital innovation workshop	<a href="#">Boonah</a> , 12–13 November <a href="#">Toowoomba</a> , 14–15 November <a href="#">Bowen</a> , 26–27 November
Grazing land management EDGE	<a href="#">Mackay</a> , 12–14 November
Getting started with BREEDPLAN	<a href="#">Online</a> , 12 November <a href="#">Online</a> , 14 November
<i>What's your plan?</i> workshop	<a href="#">Wyandra</a> , 14 November
National Agriculture Day	<a href="#">Australia wide</a> , 15 November
Beef industry management strategies	<a href="#">Gin Gin</a> , 15 November
Business EDGE Young Guns	<a href="#">Mackay</a> , 18–19 November
Pasture dieback information day	<a href="#">Condamine</a> , 19 November
Introduction to cash flows workshop	<a href="#">Pittsworth</a> , 19 November
Gulf Savannah Grazing forum	<a href="#">Georgetown</a> , 19 November
Productive and persistent legume pastures workshop	<a href="#">Miles</a> , 20 November
Agtech24	<a href="#">Emerald</a> , 20–21 November
GrazingforProfit	<a href="#">Townsville</a> , 20–26 November

Carbon EDGE	<a href="#">Charters Towers</a> , 25–26 November <a href="#">Ayr</a> , 28–29 November
Grazing fundamentals EDGE	<a href="#">Roma</a> , 27 November
Nutrition for increased production	<a href="#">Winton</a> , 2 December <a href="#">Cloncurry</a> , 4 December
Free first aid training	<a href="#">Bollon</a> , 2 December <a href="#">Hebel</a> , 3 December <a href="#">Dirranbandi</a> , 4 December <a href="#">Mungindi</a> , 5 December <a href="#">St George</a> , 6 December
Cattle, carbon and sustainability	<a href="#">Arcadia Valley</a> , 3 December <a href="#">Lochington</a> , 4 December <a href="#">Blackwater</a> , 5 December <a href="#">Calliope</a> , 6 December
Nutrition EDGE	<a href="#">Longreach</a> , 10–12 December

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