



# Update

Your latest news from the FutureBeef program

Happy New Year!

Just in case you missed them, here is a roundup of the most popular articles from 2024.

The first BeefConnect webinar of the year—Mapping the future: Updating Queensland's phosphorus landscape—is on Thursday 20 February at 12:30PM AEST. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Events are already ramping up so don't forget to check out what's on at the end of this email or visit the [FutureBeef events calendar](#).

Kind regards

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on behalf of the FutureBeef team

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## Feeding leucaena for maximum profits

Find out the latest research findings on feeding leucaena including where it can grow, establishment tips and maximising grazing benefits.

[Watch the video →](#)



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## 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 →](#)

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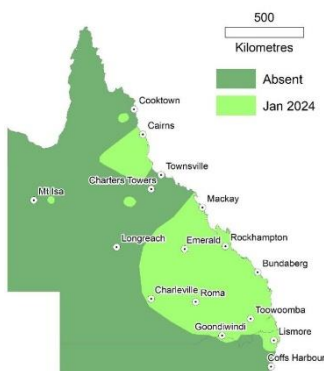
## Avoiding vaccination lumps



In this article Tim Schatz, NT Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, explains how to avoid vaccination lumps. Currently there is very strict screening of cattle going for live export and any animals with skin lesions or lumps are being rejected.

[Find out more about how to avoid vaccination lumps →](#)

## 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 →](#)

## NT Producer Demonstration Sites: providing mineral supplementation via water—the results are in!



Recent improvements in water medication technology were demonstrated on two producer demonstration sites in the Barkly and Kimberley regions. The aim was to see if mineral supplements could be effectively provided through water medication systems in extensive beef production enterprises.

[For a summary of the results click here →](#)

## Turning leaf into beef – Part 1: Key principles



Turning leaf into beef? Direct grazing, or 'stand and graze', of irrigated pastures in northern Australia can be highly productive. The combination of warm temperatures year-round, high solar radiation, and water and nutrients is a recipe for very high pasture growth rates. However, the sweet spot for optimal feed quality and yield is narrow. Management is the key to doing this successfully and profitably.

[Find out how →](#)

## Preg test results shock the north



Variable pregnancy test results across the north have questions being asked around possible causes. Some herds are experiencing 10–20% falls from usual or expected rates. Charters Towers beef reproduction consultant and former research scientist with the University of Queensland, Geoffrey Fordyce, has some thoughts around why this might be the case.

[Read more →](#)

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## Livestock Production Assurance is changing – what you need to know



To ensure the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program continues to keep pace with global demands for food safety, animal welfare and traceability, the red meat industry has endorsed some changes to the LPA program rules that will take effect from 1 September 2024.

[Download the LPA changes fact sheet →](#)

[Watch the LPA video →](#)

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## 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 →](#)

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## Spring opportunities for pasture dieback affected pastures



If you have large areas of grass that have died due to pasture dieback through winter, then there are opportunities for pasture development in spring. This article describes what you need to keep an eye out for so you can act quickly to turn the setback into an opportunity.

[Read more in this Queensland Pasture Resilience Program article →](#)

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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 →](#)

## Getting the most out of your breeders in continuous mating systems



Year-round or continuous mating is common practice for northern Australian beef properties. Therefore, many calves are born during the dry season when feed quality is low and the nutritional demands of lactating cows cannot be met. Discover how to get the most out of your breeders in these systems through heifer and breeder management.

[Read more →](#)

## Australian Farm Crime Survey – last chance to participate and win!

The Australian Farm Crime Survey is closing soon, and the Centre for Rural Criminology need more responses to make a real difference. Have you been affected by farm crime? Want to help shape policies that protect rural communities? Complete the survey and you could win 1 of 10 \$100 VISA cards!

[Take the survey now →](#)

## Upcoming events

GrazingforProfit

[Yeppoon](#), 5–11 February  
[Toowoomba](#), 11–17 June  
[Roma](#), 13–19 August

Mental health first aid

[Charleville](#), 10–11 February  
[Roma](#), 13–14 February

Mental health first aid refresher

[Charleville](#), 12–13 February

Livestock, carbon and sustainability

[St George](#), 11 February  
[Stanthorpe](#), 13 February

evoke <sup>AG</sup>	<a href="#">Brisbane</a> , 18–19 February
BeefConnect webinar—Mapping the future: Updating Queensland's phosphorus landscape	<a href="#">Online</a> , 20 February
Top Producers workshop	<a href="#">Gold Coast</a> , 24–25 February <a href="#">Melbourne</a> , 23–24 June
Carbon workshop	<a href="#">Mareeba</a> , 26 February
Business EDGE Young Guns	<a href="#">Charters Towers</a> , 11–12 March <a href="#">Toowoomba</a> , 18–19 November
ABARES Outlook Conference 2025	<a href="#">Canberra and online</a> , 4–5 March
RCS Grazing Clinic	<a href="#">Roma</a> , 18–20 March <a href="#">Emerald</a> , 27–29 May
RCS Business fundamentals workshop	<a href="#">Brisbane</a> , 6–8 May
Business EDGE	<a href="#">Bundaberg</a> , 26–27 May <a href="#">Longreach</a> , 21–22 July <a href="#">Julia Creek</a> , 24–25 July
XII International Rangeland Congress Australia	<a href="#">Adelaide</a> , 2–6 June
Elders FarmFest Field Days	<a href="#">Toowoomba</a> , 3–5 June
Queensland Rural, Regional and Remote Women's Network Conference	<a href="#">Rockhampton</a> , 5–6 June
GrowQ ag innovation workshop	<a href="#">Longreach</a> , 24–25 July
APEN International Conference	<a href="#">Brisbane</a> , 14–16 October

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