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Welcome to the first edition of the Agricultural Industry Innovation newsletter. Through this newsletter we will share information on emerging industries, grants, projects and potential business opportunities.

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Latest Burdekin Agriculture News

A new \$520 000 jumbo greenhouse at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) Ayr Research Station is ready to unlock new high-value markets for tropical agribusiness.

The 900 m<sup>2</sup> retractable roof greenhouse is the cornerstone of protected cropping research by the Agri-Science Queensland team. The work undertaken at the site will contribute to development of export markets for high-value crops including capsicum, tomato, specialty melon and eggplant.

Regional growers will be able to inspect the greenhouse and its crops once the trials are up and running.

Queensland is at the forefront of protected cropping research, development and extension (RD&E) in the tropics and subtropics, with [Hort Innovation](#) recently engaging DAF to develop a national RD&E strategy in consultation with stakeholder groups, to drive future investment in the technologies.





## EDMG Update

The Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) program has undergone an independent review with Minister Birmingham announcing reform of the EMDG program to cut red tape, increase awareness of the scheme and give exporters more funding certainty.

The new program will commence on 1 July 2021, subject to the passage of implementing legislation. For further information, please visit the Austrade's [website](#).



## Training and Development Opportunities

AUSVEG and the Export Council of Australia (ECA) have recently launched a new online e-learning training program for aspiring vegetable exporters. The *Export Fundamentals for Australian Fruit & Vegetable Growers: From Farmgate to International Markets* course contains 11 self-paced e-learning modules covering a broad range of topics relating to international trade for fresh produce.

This online training program is suitable for vegetable growers not currently involved in export, vegetable growers who do export but want to improve their export knowledge, and experienced vegetable exporting businesses who want to develop the practical export skills of staff members.

Access to this training course for National Vegetable Levy paying growers is funded by Hort Innovation using the vegetable research and development levy and funds from the Australian Government. To register for this course



visit

<https://ausveg.com.au/export/export-fundamentals/> and complete the online registration form.

Please [click here](#) to see the flyer detailing the overview of the program.

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## Industry Grants

### **Australian Government Investment in Landcare**

Apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$100,000 to support projects that will help farming, forestry and fishing groups and communities increase their awareness, knowledge, skills and capacity to adopt smart and sustainable practices. Applications close at 11:00pm AEDT, 9 October 2020.

For more information and to apply, please [click here](#).

### **North Queensland Restocking, Replanting & On-farm Infrastructure Grants**

If your primary production enterprise was impacted by the North and Far North

Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January - 14 February 2019, you may be eligible for a North Queensland Restocking, Replanting & On-farm Infrastructure Grant to assist with further recovery.

About this grant scheme

Grants of up to \$400,000 are available to eligible primary enterprises for:

- Restocking lost livestock;
- Replanting lost or damaged crops or permanent plantings;
- Restoring or replacing lost or damaged on-farm infrastructure.

For more information and to apply, please [click here](#).



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