

AGRICULTURE **NEWS**

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Grab a taste of farm life

With arguably some of Queensland's best weather ahead of us, let's get off the beaten track and get a taste of farm life by visiting a Queensland farm.

From farm gate sales of freshly picked produce, to food and wine sampling, farmers' markets, pick-your-own fruit and veg, farm animals, farm stays, and food festivals... there's something for everyone.

These exciting and memorable holiday (or day trip) adventures are often within easy driving distance of coastal communities and the time has never been better for people to get a real taste of where their food comes from.

So, #tastefarmlife today.

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New ag portal launched

[The Data Farm portal](#) has been launched, providing a wider range of Queensland agriculture, fisheries and forestry data than what's been previously available.

Data Farm replaces the biannual Queensland AgTrends publication, also produced by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and features regional and trade datasets, as well as interactive visual displays allowing users to easily interpret industry trends.

Data can be downloaded and used to help with investment decisions that help grow the sector and create jobs.



Breedcow and Dynama video launched

A new video has just been launched to help beef cattle producers understand the potential economic impacts of different ways of managing their beef cattle enterprise.

The video highlights the main features of the Breedcow and Dynama program to help graziers understand the costs and benefits of management decisions such as trading cattle, supplementary or production feeding, or investing in infrastructure. Breedcow and Dynama is free to use and producers can sign up online at

breedcowdynama.com.au.

For more information about upcoming training please email us at breedcow@daf.qld.gov.au or phone 13 25 23.



Subscribe to Drought and Climate Program news

Keen to hear about agribusinesses managing drought, flood and other climate impacts?

[Sign up for the Drought and Climate Adaptation Program \(DCAP\) newsletter](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest research projects and new tools that aim to help producers better manage our highly variable climate and its impacts.



Grow your horticulture knowledge at Hort Connections 2021

Horticulture leaders, growers, packers, marketers and more will converge on the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 7-9 June for Australia's largest event for the horticulture industry—[Hort Connections](#).

Be sure to visit our Queensland Government stand, where we'll be talking about growing exports, farms for the future, and transforming plant protection.

Our staff will also feature in the official conference program showcasing our world-class research, development and extension in the vegetable industry and supply chains.

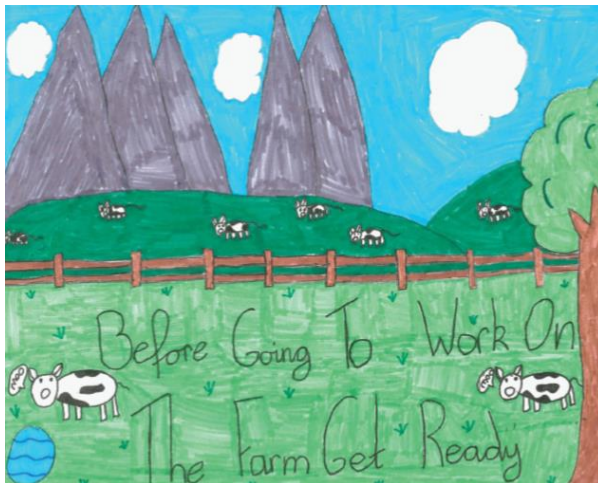
At the Growcom Export Congress, we'll share our insights into improving the competitiveness of fresh vegetable exports. [Register here.](#)



Fair Farms

With consumers increasingly demanding that their fresh produce is sourced ethically, [Fair Farms](#) provides growers with a straight-forward and affordable Australian compliance option.

The program allows horticultural employers to demonstrate ethical and fair employment practices to their customers. Fair Farms is designed and delivered by peak industry body [Growcom](#). [Watch the explainer video](#) to find out more, and visit [Fair Farms](#) to sign up and start your pathway to training and certification.



Time to colour-in for farm safety

Entries are now open for the Farm Safety Calendar competition, which gives young artists an opportunity for their artwork to be published in the 2022 calendar.

The agriculture industry employs around 3% of Queensland's workers and accounts for more than 30% of workplace deaths. The numbers aren't great so we need to raise awareness among school children, their families and communities to help buck the trend.

This year's competition asks students to draw and colour a picture to illustrate one farm safety message about electrical safety, animal safety, tractor and machinery safety, quad bike safety, water safety, and health and wellbeing. Entries close on Friday 25 June.

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GasFields Commision Queensland snapshot

The GasFields Commission Queensland has released its latest report '[Shared Landscapes – Industry Snapshot](#)'.

COVID-19 has disrupted the way we go about our day-to-day lives and run our businesses.

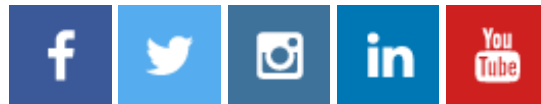
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