

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF has acknowledged spending in the agriculture portfolio in the [2021-22 Federal Budget](#) but noted the government's lack of strategic vision to enhance the sector's competitiveness, prosperity and growth. Read QFF's media statement [HERE](#).

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Following continued advocacy by QFF and its industry members, the Queensland Government has clarified that nuts, turf, flowers and nursery growers will have access to a 50 per cent price reduction election commitment for horticulture irrigation water users. Read more from QFF [HERE](#).

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Australia has gone from having a competitive advantage in energy costs to being one of the most expensive countries in the world. As a result, many irrigated and intensified farm businesses are losing their ability to compete globally. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

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"Industry and government must work together to create an environment that will support agri-innovation, such as on-farm value-adding to unlock the potential for agritourism in the state and add value beyond the farm gate." Read more from QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis in the [Queensland Country Life](#) [HERE](#).

5.

Queensland's small and medium businesses can now apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to help buy specialised equipment to increase production, expand their workforce and maximise economic returns through the state government's Business Growth Fund. Apply [HERE](#).

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Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for Southern Downs producers following recent heavy rainfall and flash flooding to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris and replace fencing through [QRIDA](#). More information [HERE](#).

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Agribusiness and the food sector are holding up well as Queensland's economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic with the latest data showing the value of the state's primary industry commodities to be just over \$19 billion. More information via the [Department of Agriculture's Data Farm portal](#) [HERE](#).

8.

The [GasFields Commission Queensland](#) have released the 'Shared Landscapes – Industry Snapshot' Report. The report aims to briefly delineate the current state of

Queensland's petroleum and gas industry including development areas, groundwater management processes, compliance and economic contributions. Read the report [HERE](#).

9.

[Healthy Land and Water](#) is undertaking planning for a healthy environment and long-term liveability for South East Queensland. People from across the region are being encouraged to have their say through the 2021 South East Queensland Natural Resource Management Plan (NRM Plan) survey. Get involved [HERE](#).

10.

The [Land Access Ombudsman Queensland](#) team are visiting Dalby and Chinchilla on the 20th and 21st of May. If you have an issue with a land access dispute or need impartial advice about a matter, book a private appointment with the LAO Dispute Resolution Officer in Dalby or drop by and speak to the team at the Chinchilla Show. Details [HERE](#).



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