

# HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

Producers recognise that as we move out of drought and into more favourable weather conditions, now is the time to plan for the next dry season and overall climate variability. Drought preparedness and resilience is needed more urgently than ever before to better manage climate-related risks. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

2.

Calling all Nambour small and medium agribusinesses! Join QFF and [Jobs Queensland](#) on Thursday, 2 September for an [Agriculture Workforce Plan](#) industry consultation session, followed by a free workforce planning workshop. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

3.

The second round of funding under the [Land Restoration Fund](#) is now open. QFF has partnered with the LRF and [NRM Regions Queensland](#) to run four workshops and one webinar in August and September explaining the application process and answering questions. Register [HERE](#).

4.

The Australian cotton season is officially underway with growers in central Queensland among the first in the country to plant what is expected to be a crop generating around \$3 billion for the national economy. Read more from QFF industry member [Cotton Australia](#) [HERE](#).

5.

[Growcom](#) has enthusiastically welcomed confirmation from the Federal Government that a new [Australian Agriculture visa](#) will be in place by the end of September. A new visa category to help better meet the growing seasonal harvest labour needs has long been advanced by Growcom and the case for the visa has only gotten stronger. Read more [HERE](#).

6.

To reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, the Queensland Government is actively encouraging farmers and agribusinesses to cease their plans to cross into or from New South Wales. Crossing the border can only

occur using an exemption. For more information to help you meet the requirements for crossing the border, click [HERE](#).

7.

Phase two of the [national quad bike safety standard](#) begins on 11 October 2021 and requires all new and imported second-hand general use quad bikes to be fitted with an operator protection device or have one integrated into their design, and to meet minimum requirements for stability. Details [HERE](#).

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[Drought Resilience Innovation Grants](#) are now available through the [Future Drought Fund](#) to support projects that help Australian farmers and agricultural-dependent communities and businesses to adopt innovative approaches and technology to improve drought resilience. For more information and to apply, click [HERE](#).

9.

[Sunwater](#) has launched a new app that allows customers across regional Queensland to stay on top of their water use while on the go. Download the app free of charge through the Apple Store and Google Play. More information [HERE](#).

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Applications are now open for the 2022 [AgriFutures Australia](#) Rural Women's Awards which empowers and celebrates women involved in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities. More information and apply [HERE](#).

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