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eNewsletter

In this eNewsletter, we clarify the difference between the AgCensus and Population Census, share a report into operating autonomous agricultural machinery and let you know about an upcoming webinar.

AgCensus and Population Census: the basics

The Population Census and the Agricultural Census complement each other and farmers' participation in both will help build a better understanding of agriculture in our local communities.

Farmers across Australia are being urged to complete the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Agricultural Census (Ag Census) when you receive it. Data collected in the survey provides insights on the role of agriculture in Australia and will be used to inform policies on Australia's agriculture industry and decisions on infrastructure, service delivery and investment. Although Ag Census closes on 5 August, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will continue to collect forms after that date. Further information about the Ag Census can be found on the [ABS website](#).

The Population Census is to be completed on Tuesday 10 August when it will count every person and household in Australia. More information is available on the Census website.

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Future Drought Fund – grant program opens

The Australian Government is inviting Expression of Interest applications via an open competitive process for grants under the Future Drought Fund - Drought Resilience Innovation Expression of Interest (EOI) and Grants Program from 29 July 2021 to 8 September 2021.

Three grant types are available:

- Ideas Grants will provide \$50,000 (GST inclusive) for one year.
- Proof-of-Concept Grants will provide funding of up to \$120,000 (GST inclusive) for one year.
- Innovation Grants will provide funding of between \$300,000 to \$1.1 million (GST inclusive) per year for a maximum of 3 years.

Individuals are eligible to apply and more information is available on the Community Grants website.

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USQ completes review related to operating autonomous agricultural machinery

An independent technical review of the Technologies, Regulations and Operating Standards for Field Based Autonomous Agricultural Machinery was conducted by the University of Southern Queensland and the report made a number of key conclusions and recommendations.

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Events

[Webinar: Enhanced-efficiency nitrogen fertilisers: Potential benefits and selection of products for sugarcane -](#)

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