

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Queensland farmers are constantly adapting to climate variability and with the uncertainties of a changing climate, they must have the tools to bolster their adaptation plans and be able to build greater resilience into their businesses.

Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column regarding a National Drought Policy [HERE](#).

2.

QFF, [Cotton Australia](#), [Reaqua Solar Pumping](#) and [Constructive Energy](#), recently undertook a baseline Entry Survey, to identify farmer motivations for participating in a [microgrids project](#), considering current energy literacy, what participant's ideal energy use scenario looked like and their level of risk in joining a microgrid that could be disconnected to the grid. More [HERE](#).

3.

An 64.8 hectare Bundaberg farm producing sugar cane, sweet potato, pumpkin and peanuts has reduced energy consumption by 30 per cent and lowered carbon emissions by 22.3t after implementing the recommendations of their QFF [Energy Savers](#) audit. Find out how [HERE](#).

4.

Last week over 120 industry experts and opinion leaders descended on the Brisbane Markets at Rocklea and joined online for the historic [Future Fields](#) Summit, to help

chart a course for the Queensland fresh produce sector and supply chain over the coming decade. Read more from QFF industry member [Growcom](#) [HERE](#).

5.

October was National Safe Work Month, the perfect time to launch the new [CANEGROWERS Workplace Health and Safety \(WHS\) Guide for sugarcane farms](#), designed to help growers assess their businesses and remain vigilant with WHS compliance. Read more [HERE](#).

6.

Discover your new job in the cotton industry! [Cotton Australia](#)'s growers have exciting jobs available for you now, including a farm manager in St George and farm hands in Goondiwindi. Click [HERE](#) to discover more and apply today.

7.

The Rural plant Code of Practice 2004 is currently open for public consultation. Have your say about what changes are necessary to ensure the Code remains fit-for-purpose and supports the agriculture industry to meet legislative obligations and ensure worker safety. Read the [Issues Paper](#) and make your submission [HERE](#).

8.

Farmers impacted by recent hail and storm damage can apply for an Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declaration to access freight subsidies of up to \$5,000, as well as Disaster Assistance loans of up to \$250,000 at a concessional interest rate to help fix damaged infrastructure such as fences, sheds and hail netting. Apply [HERE](#).

9.

A [drumMUSTER](#) collection is to be held at the Springwell Road Depot in Balonne Shire Council area this Friday, 5 November 2021 from 8am to 12pm. Remember, drums must be triple rinsed and have no chemical residue present (some staining is acceptable). Please also ensure

the lids are removed. Details [HERE](#) and contact council on 07 4620 8829 to book.

10.

The [draft Queensland Organics Strategy 2022–2032](#) proposes how we can reduce the amount of organic waste that goes to landfill and looks at ways to avoid, reuse and recycle it. Today is the last chance to have your say on organic waste and the targets and actions that are set out in the draft Strategy [HERE](#).



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