

# HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

With Queensland the most disaster impacted state in Australia, farmers are looking to better understand, develop and adopt risk management strategies to manage uncertainty, spread risk and maintain business viability. Read this week's QFF [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

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QFF has partnered with [Ergon Energy](#) and [Energex](#) to offer farmers belonging to any of QFF's 20 industry members a 50 per cent co-contribution a maximum of \$500 to match the funds of installing up to 10 rotamarkers on their properties. For more information about the rebate and eligibility criteria, click [HERE](#).

# 3.

QFF has partnered with the Queensland Government to offer a 50 per cent co-contribution up to a maximum of \$25,000 to match farmers' funds to establish or expand their operations into agritourism and share where Queensland's high-quality food, fibre and foliage comes from and how it is produced. For more information and to apply, click [HERE](#).

# 4.

Australia has secured an emphatic World Trade Organisation win against India's price-distorting sugar production supports and export subsidies. Peak Australian sugar industry organisations the [Australian Sugar Milling Council](#) and [CANEGRROWERS](#) have welcomed the Panel's findings and recommendations. Read more [HERE](#).

# 5.

The Australian cotton industry has commissioned an independent expert to conduct an in-depth assessment of its environmental performance. The assessment has been commissioned by the [Cotton Research and Development Corporation](#), [Cotton Australia](#) and the industry's Sustainability Working Group. More [HERE](#).

# 6.

Migrants and refugees know what working on the land means, and they bring a number of relevant experiences to farms, so it makes perfect sense to link them with long-term opportunities. So it's a no-brainer for [Growcom](#) to train and then place migrants and international students in agribusiness labour roles. More [HERE](#).

# 7.

The Queensland Government is reviewing the [\*Animal Care and Protection Act 2001\*](#). Stakeholders and the community were asked to provide their feedback about issues raised in a [discussion paper](#) regarding the review. A total of 1,439 survey responses and 914 written submissions were received. Read the Consultation Outcomes Report [HERE](#).

# 8.

The Queensland Government has begun public consultation on the establishment of an independent environmental regulator. Submissions will be used to inform future decisions around a potential independent Environmental Protection Agency. More information and have your say [HERE](#).

# 9.

Farmers impacted by floods in Bundaberg, Goondiwindi, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Toowoomba and the Western Downs can access freight subsidies of up to \$5,000, as well as concessional loans of up to \$250,000 and essential working capital loans of up to \$100,000. Details [HERE](#).

# 10.

Vaccination remains the best way to keep our communities and businesses open. The [Department of Agriculture and Fisheries](#) has established an engagement hub to help agribusinesses have a conversation with their employees who wish to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Find resources including factsheets, a communication toolkit and FAQs [HERE](#).

**QFF wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**





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