

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Soils support plant growth and contribute to planted vegetation including food, fibre, foliage, fodder, fuel and medicinal products in relation to the prevailing climate, landscape and soil type and according to societal needs. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

2.

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.

Tell us about your electricity tariffs and we'll give you a \$40 gift voucher! QLD and NSW farmers are encouraged to participate in a QFF, the [University of Queensland](#) and [Energy Consumers Australia](#)'s research project helping you choose better energy options. Get involved [HERE](#).

4.

Hard work and a willingness to adopt new technology and practices are behind the positive results in an [ABARES survey of sugarcane farms](#) according to peak grower group [CANEGROWERS](#). Read more from QFF's industry member [HERE](#).

5.

The Queensland Government has made a commitment to open to travellers from interstate hotspots by 17 December, or earlier should we reach 80 per cent full vaccination. This means from next Monday, we can no longer expect to live and operate our businesses in Queensland without any COVID-19. Read more from [Growcom HERE](#).

6.

Despite recent flood and rain damage in the eastern states, [ABARES'](#) Agricultural Commodities: December Quarter is forecasting a history-making agricultural gross production value of \$78 billion – \$5.4 billion more than predicted just a few months ago. Read the report [HERE](#).

7.

The [ACCC's Agricultural machinery market study](#) examined markets for the sale of agricultural machinery, as well as those for after-sales services, such as repairs. They have developed guidance materials to assist agricultural machinery purchases. Find the materials [HERE](#).

8.

Residents of Inglewood, Coolmunda and parts of Texas who have been impacted by flooding over recent days may be eligible for financial assistance, including Emergency Hardship Assistance grants of up to \$180 per person and \$900 for a family of five. More information and apply [HERE](#).

9.

On 17 December 2021, Queensland is set to ease restrictions for entry to Queensland. The Queensland Government has published the Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Direction, read the direction and understand your obligations. More [HERE](#).

10.

If you keep one or more head of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, bison, buffalo, deer, camelids or equines, more than 100 poultry or pigeons, or a beehive — you must be registered with [Biosecurity Queensland](#). Check if you're registered and confirm your details [HERE](#).
