

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF has welcomed the [Queensland Government's announcement](#) of grants up to \$50,000 funding to assist farmers and landholders with the cost of removing and safely disposing of illegally dumped waste. Read QFF's media statement [HERE](#).

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The likelihood of farms and agribusiness facilities locking down due to a COVID-19 outbreak among its workers has become real, which could have serious impacts on the supply of produce, impact the welfare of animals, and cause economic losses to agribusinesses. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

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A Stanthorpe winery growing grapes and producing wine has reduced energy consumption by 16% and lowered carbon emissions by 10.5t after implementing the recommendations of their QFF [Energy Savers](#) audit. Find out how [HERE](#).

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The impact of the COVID-19 virus is being felt across the sugar industry as it is in our communities and around the world. QFF industry member [CANEGROWERS](#) will continue to serve sugarcane growers through these enormously volatile times. Read their COVID-19 industry update [HERE](#).

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While the Omicron variant has only further exacerbated worker shortages on farm, it's also hit the transport, logistics and retail parts of the supply chain for the first time in a tangible way. More from [Growcom](#) [HERE](#).

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Farmers impacted by flooding following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth in the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, North Burnett and South Burnett government areas can access freight subsidies of up to \$5,000, as well as

essential working capital loans of up to \$100,000 to help fix damaged infrastructure and to continue on-farm operations. Details [HERE](#).

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Don't forget, grants of up to \$50,000 are available for affected producers following Central, Southern and Western Queensland rainfall and flooding to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace fencing and other costs associated with the recovery process. More information and apply [HERE](#).

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Researchers are encouraged to apply for funding through the Australian Government's Soil Science Challenge to undertake new projects that add to Australia's soil health knowledge including soil carbon dynamics, soil hydrology, soil biology and nutrients, and soil or root interface. Applications close 14 February. Details [HERE](#).

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2022 is a new year with new opportunities! [QRIDA's](#) Farm Business Analysis Assistance program helps primary producers at risk of or who are currently experiencing financial difficulty, to find new opportunities to improve their financial viability. For more details, click [HERE](#).

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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](#).

