

AGRICULTURE NEWS

June 2022

Disaster recovery assistance now available

Recovery assistance is now available for eligible primary producers impacted by the April and May rainfall events in regional Queensland.

Assistance includes:

- concessional loans of up to \$250,000
- essential working capital loans of up to \$100,000 at a concessional interest rate
- freight subsidies of up to \$5,000.



Please take date-stamped photographs of the direct damage to accompany your [application](#).

If you have suffered significant damage from the floods outside of the activated areas, you can apply for an [Individual Disaster Stricken Property \(IDSP\) declaration](#).

[Mental health support and general community recovery](#) is also available.

Disaster recovery assistance is jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government's [Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements \(DRFA\)](#).

Learn more about the available [recovery assistance](#).

Have your say on the future of feral deer management in Queensland

You're invited to provide feedback on Queensland's [Feral deer management strategy 2022-27](#).

Feedback can be provided via the department's e-Hub where you can complete the survey or upload a written submission.

The *Feral deer management strategy 2022-27* will set the direction for the management of feral deer in Queensland for the next five years.

The draft strategy provides guidance for the direction of regional/local government biosecurity planning. It encourages collaborative and a coordinated approach to the management of feral deer and the reduction of impacts.

Consultation closes on Thursday 30 June 2022.

For more information, visit the [e-Hub](#) or call us on 13 25 23.



New sheep and goat grants available

We have some great news for sheep and goat enterprises and business in the supply chain who use sheep and goat-derived materials in products or activities.

New Rural Agricultural Development grants could enable you to pursue the plans you'd always wanted to—but didn't have the funds to.

Funding of up to \$200,000 per business could be used to improve your infrastructure, build your slaughter capacity, develop a marketing line based on provenance or improve your business in a range of other ways.

The funding is an initiative of the Queensland Government. [Apply now](#).



#HortCon22 a huge succes

Key players in the horticulture and food industry came together at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for Hort Connections 2022.

As major partners in the event, we were thrilled to give industry a tour of our Maroochy Research Facility and lead panel discussions on increasing access to international and domestic horticulture markets, and improving supply chain performance.



Our breeding success was also on show with the launch of three new strawberry varieties—Susie, Tahli and Tamara, named in honour of prominent Australian athletes Susie O'Neill and Tahli Gill, and pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska.

Have your say on the proposed new safety laws for quad bikes and side-by-side vehicles

Do you ride quad bikes or side-by-side vehicles on your property?

The Office of Industrial Relations (OIR) is considering implementing new workplace safety laws for quad bikes and side-by-side vehicles.

Share your thoughts on mandating:

- helmet use
- no kids on adult quad bikes and SSVs
- certain passenger restrictions for some vehicles
- seat belts for some SSVs (where they have been installed).



[Have your say](#) on the new regulations by Friday 17 June.

Planning for the future of your agribusiness?

Queensland Farmers' Federation and Jobs Queensland recently launched Workforce Planning Connect, a set of planning tools to support small to medium-sized agribusinesses with building a sustainable future.

The tools are free and cover topics like understanding the benefits of workforce planning, building knowledge, as well as tools to grow capability in the area.

Find out more and [download the resources](#).



Save on herbicide costs using a different application method

The results from a [low dose herbicide farm trial](#) in the Herbert are in – and it's a win for growers.

The trial assessed different herbicide application methods in sugarcane. It found the use of Dual Herbicide Sprayer, or Irvin spray bar provides better results in controlling weeds, even with a low dose of residual herbicide. In fact, the low dose was just as effective as the full rate of herbicide with these two applications.



It's cheaper for growers, better for the environment, and reef water quality.

Based on the trial, we recommend waiting until sugarcane is actively growing before applying your herbicide. This allows you to tailor the weed control options to suit your needs.

To learn more about the trial, watch this [video](#).

2022 Queensland Reconciliation Awards

Congratulations to family-owned, Indigenous business [Nourishing Bites](#) who received a highly commended award for their delicious and nutritious treats at the 2022 Queensland Reconciliation Awards.

Our product development team worked with Nourishing Bites' Shelley and Daniel as part of our Indigenous Native Foods Program to assist with the development and scale-up of their Heavenly Hazel product range. We are thrilled to see them receive this recognition!



Read about the [2022 Queensland Reconciliation Awards](#).

Natural disasters and COVID-19 has disrupted the way we go about our day-to-day lives and run our businesses.

Sometimes we need to talk about it.

Call us

Lifeline 13 11 14

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Headspace 1800 650 890
(Youth mental health and wellbeing)



Having trouble viewing this email? [View Online](#)

For more information visit daf.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23



This email was sent by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to manager@kalagro.com.au

[Unsubscribe](#)