

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Growcom are encouraging horticulture growers in the Central Queensland, Wide Bay-Burnett and Mary regions to take a break from the daily grind to attend a Hort Hacks & Apps workshop this month. To learn more and to register to attend click [HERE](#).

2.

Cotton Australia report that Australian cotton growers appear certain to sell out of 2022 cotton within weeks and are positioned well for the 2023 crop despite global volatility. With a crop of around 5.5 million bales produced in Australia this year, the 2022 cotton crop is the biggest on record. What a great way to celebrate World Cotton Day last week and reflect on the contribution Australian cotton production makes to the global market. Read more [HERE](#).

3.

Congratulations to former Queensland tourism CEO, Daniel Gschwind, who has been appointed Chair of Trade and Investment Queensland, TIQ is delivering the recently launched \$150M Queensland Trade and

Investment Strategy 2022-2032, read the statement [HERE](#).

4.

Food and agriculture are a significant exporters for Queensland which was highlighted at the Premiers Export Awards last week with Bundaberg Brewed Drinks being named Exporter of the Year and Mort & Co taking out the Regional Exporter Award. Check out all the Export Category award winners [HERE](#).

5.

The GasFields Commission Queensland wants to hear from Surat and Bowen Basin landholders, community and stakeholders to help shape the format of future ongoing stakeholder engagement relating to gas developments. Have your say [HERE](#).

6.

QFF is inviting farmers, local councils, and businesses across regional Queensland to participate in an online webinar to learn about the emergence of microgrids, VPPs, and community batteries and their impact on regional energy networks, register to attend [HERE](#).

7.

The next round of the strengthened Reef protection regulations is due to commence on 1 December 2022 and includes minimum practice agricultural standards for Sugarcane, Grazing and Bananas. The Office of the Great Barrier Reef is offering online information sessions in mid-November for producers, to help them understand the requirements and what they need to do to comply, register [HERE](#).

8.

UQ students undertake an industry placement as a capstone course for their degree, with students in food science and technology, agriculture and engineering, who are able to undertake a placement in those areas from a few weeks to a full semester. UQ is able to be flexible with how it conducts placements, and they are looking at understanding the different ways that industry feels are manageable for engagement with students. Please help with your feedback by taking this 2 minute 5 question survey [HERE](#).

9.

The Rookwood Weir Irrigated Crop Suitability Tool provides an analysis of potential horticultural and cropping opportunities based on soil type in the Lower Fitzroy region. Check the tool out [HERE](#).

10.

Norco, the biggest employer in Lismore, was flooded earlier this year like many other businesses in the region. 7 months later and their head office is getting closer to completion, but the ice cream factory has been cleaned up and left dormant. The ice cream factory will now be rebuilt thanks to \$45.7M in funding from the federal government. Read more [HERE](#).



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