

# HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

Cotton Australia's Cotton Collective event will return in 2023 on August 2-3 in Toowoomba providing the perfect opportunity see, hear and touch the best of the Australian cotton industry. QFF will be at site #25 of the Australian Cotton Trade Show, held as part of the event, alongside our corporate partners Mitsubishi Australia and Mobil. The trade show is free to attend. Tickets for other Cotton Collective 2023 events can be found [here](#).

2.

Queensland's push to increase oyster production 100-fold will be bolstered by a three-year project dedicated to reducing the 'overcatch' challenges that have significantly impacted the state's industry over the past century. QFF member Queensland Oyster Growers Association's president Wade McFadgen said the project is "extremely positive and opportune." [Read more here.](#)

3.

QFF CEO Jo Sheppard will feature alongside Queensland Chief Entrepreneur Julia Spicer, and other key industry representatives, to discuss the opportunities and challenges for Australian agribusiness at the upcoming

AusCham Agribusiness and Innovation Lunch & Showcase on Friday, 4 August. [Find out more and register.](#)

4.

The ACCC has released a [Statement of Issues](#) regarding Coles' proposed acquisition of two Saputo milk processing plants, following their review of the concerns presented by QFF and our member eastAUSmilk, among other industry groups. The ACCC invites submissions from interested parties in response to the Statement of Issues by Thursday, 3 August 2023. [Read more here.](#)

5.

QFF corporate partner [BDO](#) have written an article on weathering challenges in the food and agribusiness sector, covering the key factors to overcome common obstacles such as inflation and rising input costs, extreme weather events, labour shortages and more. [Read it here.](#)

6.

QFF recently made a submission to the National Emergency Management Agency regarding the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding. QFF made several suggestions across resilience and preparedness funding, disaster support funding eligibility for horticultural producers and more. [Read it here.](#)

7.

The Agribusiness Digital Solutions Grants Scheme has opened to help agribusiness build resilience through digital transformation with co-contribution grants of up to \$100,000 available to eligible businesses. This funding round closes Friday, 18 August 2023. [Apply now.](#)

8.

AUSVEG are seeking feedback from vegetable growers regarding recent workforce changes including those to the PALM Scheme and the reintroduction of a cap on student visa working hours. [Take part here.](#)

9.

The Australian Government has released a National Statement on Climate Change and Agriculture, drawing on existing analysis and research to provide a 'point-in-time' assessment on why climate change and agriculture matters. [Read it here.](#)

10.

Australian Pork currently have a number of research funding opportunities available. Learn more about the opportunities and how to [apply here](#). Applications close Friday, 4 August 2023.



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