

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Do not gamble on the GAB! QFF alongside Queensland Conservation Council, Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) and industry are continuing to call for the proposed CCS project in the Great Artesian Basin to be declined. CCS in the GAB is not a climate solution and the state and federal governments must apply the precautionary principle to reject any further attempts to develop CCS projects in the GAB.

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With the 2024 sugarcane crush just a few months away and good growing conditions promising a bumper crop, Canegrowers is bringing attention to workforce shortages that threaten to impact the harvest season. [Read more here.](#)

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Applications for the 2025 Nuffield Drought Resilience Scholarship program are now open, farmers and others working in food and fibre industries aged between 28 and 45 can apply. [Learn more here.](#) Applications close 31 May.

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The ACCC released an issues paper on 29 February 2024 seeking views on the key topics it will consider in its supermarkets inquiry. Have your say on the issues paper [here](#) by 2 April.

5.

Join QFF project partners for the [Season's Essentials Seminar](#), in Stanthorpe or online on Wednesday, 13 March, for a discussion on topics such as the 2024 seasonal forecast, the economic landscape, and insurance tools for effectively managing financial risk. This event is funded by the Australian government's Future Drought Fund.

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More than 11,500ML water has been saved annually due to the Mareeba Dimbulah irrigation efficiency project in Far North Queensland, far exceeding original water-saving expectations. QFF CEO Jo Sheppard said prioritising water security for growers is critical to the long-term viability of farming enterprises and the project is a positive outcome for growers in the Tablelands. [Read more here.](#)

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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.](#)

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Cassowary Coast organic banana farmers are working to understand what kind of drone is best suited to their

operation as part of a [‘Grow Your Field’](#) grant-funded project. [Read more here.](#)

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EOIs close this Friday, 15 March for the AgTech and Logistic Hub’s [GRDC Ground-Up program](#). Learn how the program helped MagrowTec get their innovative spray technology in front of a wider audience [here](#).

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The GasFields Commission Queensland (GFCG) is conducting research in southern and central Queensland to understand community sentiment around the onshore gas industry and the role of GFCQ in fostering sustainable coexistence. [Participate here](#) by 18 March.



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