

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Rural Aid has profiled the impact of natural disasters on a fourth-generation Lockyer Valley vegetable farming family in the lead up to [Mates Day 2024](#), a day to highlight the strength and resilience of Australian farmers and to raise awareness of the vital support Rural Aid provides. [Read more here.](#)

2.

Queensland's first Supermarket Pricing Select Committee has been established this week following the Premier's meetings with the heads of Australia's big four supermarkets. Meanwhile the Senate Select Committee

on Supermarket Prices continues its hearing in Melbourne with considerable reports from growers and consumers on poor behaviour by supermarkets.

3.

RCS Australia will be delivering their Farming & GrazingForProfit School in Toowoomba from June 12 to June 18, 2024. The lessons will feature new content, with science-based insights, essential business skills, and profitability and productivity advice all on the agenda.

[Learn more and book here.](#)

4.

In the last month Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers (QFVG) had over 24 meetings with politicians, three trips to Canberra to meet with policy makers and attended the ABARES conference, advocating for Queensland growers. QFVG has shared a short article on their learnings from these engagements [here](#).

5.

Craig Saunders of Saunders Farming sought solutions through the [Farm Business Resilience Program](#) to use innovative technology to improve water efficiency and build drought resilience to more effectively manage variable climate conditions on his St. George cotton farm in Southern Queensland. Watch a video case study [here](#).

6.

A handful of tickets are still available for a QFF-hosted VIP screening of the much-anticipated film '[Just a Farmer](#)', on Thursday, 21 March in Toowoomba. The screening is proudly supported by the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise. [Book tickets here.](#)

7.

Cairns businesswoman and co-founder and director of Australia's first canned tuna community since large-scale production shifted off-shore, Kate Lamason, has been

named Queensland's 2024 [AgriFutures Rural Women's Award](#) winner. [Read more here.](#)

8.

The \$10.5 million second round of the [Workforce Connect Fund](#) is open for large-scale, job creating and staff retention projects worth up to \$1 million. Small businesses need to work with an IWA to access the fund. Learn more about [QFF's IWA here](#). Applications are open until 26 March 2024.

9.

Leading scientists are calling out the unintended consequences of climate policy gone wrong as industry and communities continue to call on the Queensland government to reject Glencore's CCS proposal for the Great Artesian Basin. [Read more here.](#)

10.

The Resilient Australia Awards celebrate and promote initiatives that build whole of community resilience to disasters and emergencies around Australia. Nominations are now open [here](#), closing Friday, 31 May 2024.



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