

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers and their workforce relations advisor Focus HR have shared a webinar unpacking the new Industrial Relations changes that have come into effect in the new financial year, as well as a comprehensive booklet covering the changes. [Read more here.](#)

2.

A recent Landline segment has examined Cotton Australia's visit to India following the establishment of a bilateral trade agreement which is creating new opportunities for Australian cotton producers and strengthening industry ties. [Watch it here.](#)

3.

Canegrowers has welcomed the Fair Work Commission's order to suspend industrial action at Wilmar sugar mills for a period of six weeks, with Chairman Owen Menkens calling on all parties to use the time to find a permanent resolution to the ongoing pay dispute. [Read more here.](#)

4.

The Queensland Government has established the Queensland Energy System Advisory Board to provide advice to the government in relation to Queensland's energy transition. QFF CEO Jo Sheppard has been appointed to the board with the Queensland Government acknowledging the importance of agricultural and regional community expertise and representation in the transition. [Read more here.](#)

5.

Telstra have shared six simple steps to get set up with 4G ahead of the upcoming 3G network closure. [Read more here.](#)

6.

QFF's hail plate monitoring trial is to be expanded by the University of Queensland and Bureau of Meteorology through funding from the latest Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF) investment round. QFF will remain a delivery partner and farms currently in the trial will be offered the opportunity to participate in the expanded program. [Read more here.](#)

7.

The [Food Connect Foundation](#) is hosting the SEQ Food Summit from 28 – 30 July to consider how we can achieve 30% more local food by 2032. There are separate Industry and Policy forums and a Sunday people's day hosted by Costa Georgiadis. [Learn more and register here.](#)

8.

The Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024 passed the Senate by 33 votes to 30 last week. The announcement has been met with dismay from farmers who had invested into significant reforms for the trade, resulting in world-leading animal welfare outcomes. [Read more here.](#)

9.

Applications are now open for the Australian Rural Leadership Program, supporting individuals who want to respond to regional, rural, and remote Australia's most complex challenges and opportunities. [Apply here.](#)

10.

Turf Queensland recently announced the Turf Queensland Roadshow, an innovative and comprehensive program designed to support and enhance the resilience of levy paying turf growers across Queensland. [Read more here.](#)