

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Agricultural peak bodies, including QFF, Cotton Australia, Canegrowers, Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers and NFF, are calling on the Federal Government not to remove the 88 days of regional work requirement from the Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visa program. The peak bodies have cited the negative economic and social impacts this change would have on agriculture and regional communities. [Read more here.](#)

2.

An [independent audit](#) into the Federal Government's compliance with the Basin Plan 2012 and water resource plans has exposed significant shortcomings in its systems and processes, according to the National Farmers' Federation. [Read more here.](#)

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Join the QFF's peak body members, corporate partners, industry leaders, and ministerial guests at QFF's National Agriculture Day Breakfast on 15 November. Tickets sold out in 2023, so book [early here to](#) avoid disappointment this year.

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The Miles Government has announced a boost to the state's nature fund if re-elected, committing to invest \$139.5 million to triple the size of Queensland's nature fund and related initiatives, including increasing support for Queensland's landholders. [Read more here.](#)

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Sparke Helmore Lawyers have published an article on the importance of seeking expert advice before landholders enter agreements with carbon, wild and solar proponents. [Read it here.](#)

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Dairy farmers can soon expect to see a draft of the proposals to be included in Queensland's dairy plan which aims to reverse the decline in Queensland's milk production. An advisory panel led by eastAUSmilk has been refining these proposals following statewide consultation. [Read more.](#)

7.

Cotton farmers Mitch and Melinda Brimblecombe recently completed their [myBMP](#) (Best Management Practices) certification for their property in the Lockyer Valley. [Read more here.](#)

8.

Register today to attend an upcoming [Embracing Agriculture Digital Innovation Workshop](#) and enhance your knowledge and skills and increase your understanding of digital and precision on-farm technology. Workshops are running in multiple locations across Queensland through October and November.

9.

Do you know an amazing woman who is making a positive contribution to rural industries or communities? Submit your nomination for the 2025 AgriFutures [Rural Women's Award here](#) by Wednesday, 9 October 2024. Women in rural and remote areas of Queensland are encouraged to apply.

10.

Last week Cattle Australia released its definition of deforestation in the Australian context, emphasising Australia's strict vegetation management laws, and called on the Australian Government to support industry with more accurate and up-to-date data on agricultural land use, biodiversity and nature. [Read more here.](#)



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