

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF, alongside peak body members Canegrowers Australia, Cotton Australia and Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers as well as the Local Government Association of Queensland have joined together in urging political parties to commit to prioritising a whole-of-government approach to strengthen the state's biosecurity. [Read more here.](#)

2.

Economic development organisation Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise's (TSBE) agribusiness arm, Food Leaders Australia, has partnered with QFF. The two organisations will work together to advocate on a number of priorities for the region that are consistent with

agricultural priorities across the state including water security, food security and biosecurity. [Read more here.](#)

3.

Cotton Australia has released an updated version of the pocket guide to Australian Cotton booklet. This 28-page resource offers an in-depth look at the Australian cotton industry, featuring facts about cotton farming, sustainability efforts, and the industry's role in regional economies. [Download a copy here.](#)

4.

Join the QFF's peak body members, corporate partners, industry leaders, and ministerial guests at our National Agriculture Day Breakfast event on 15 November. Hear from Queensland's political leaders on their vision for agriculture. [Book tickets here.](#)

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Foodbank's 2024 Hunger Report has found 3.4 million Australian households are experiencing food insecurity, including 2 million who are experiencing "severe" food insecurity. [Read more here.](#)

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Ahead of summer, Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers (QFVG) are encouraging growers to access natural disaster support information and resources, including the QFVG-developed Natural Disaster Toolkit. [Learn more here.](#)

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Telstra's 3G network is closing from next Monday, 28 October 2024. Telstra customers can check if their device will be compatible with 4G on your device, SMS 3G to 3498. [Learn more here.](#)

8.

Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland (NGIQ) will be holding their North Queensland workshop in Cairns on Thursday 7 November, covering the Farm Business Resilience Program, psychosocial hazards in the

workplace and other topics. [Learn more and register here](#) by Wednesday 30 October.

9.

Applications are now open for the Resilient Landscapes Grants Program. The Program will fund projects that improve management of natural capital and enable farmers to be prepared for and have the capacity and diversity of options to respond to, drought. [Learn more and apply here](#) by 19 November.

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The Australian Government has announced \$95 million for biosecurity, environmental and public health measures to tackle the predicted arrival of the H5N1 strain of avian influenza. [Read more here.](#)



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