

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

The agriculture sector needs well-trained workers who have the capabilities required to face future opportunities including climate, new consumer trends, rapid technological developments, and recent regulatory updates requiring new competencies. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

2.

QFF Water Policy Advisor Sharon McIntosh recently spoke to [ABC Rural](#) for the [Queensland Country Hour](#) welcoming the Queensland Government's announcement it would waive water licence fees but noted the need for further clarification about the policy's application. To listen, skip ahead to 1.00 [HERE](#).

3.

The latest [Rural Jobs and Skills Alliance \(RJSA\)](#) e-newsletter is now available! Read about the latest news and events including work to encourage more young people to experience ag on their gap year and workforce initiatives in the recent 2021-22 Federal Budget [HERE](#).

4.

The [Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment](#) is reviewing how [agriculture occupations are classified](#) in the [Australian New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations \(ANZSCO\)](#). The [RJSA](#) is collating responses on behalf of the sector, get involved and let us know your thoughts [HERE](#).

5.

The Australian cotton industry's top performers from the past year have been identified, with the finalists in the 2021 Australian Cotton Industry Awards recently announced. Read more from QFF industry member [Cotton Australia](#) and meet the finalists [HERE](#).

6.

QFF industry member, the [Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation](#) is encouraging members on the Ergon network to consider working with Make it Cheaper to save money on their energy bills. For more information, click [HERE](#).

7.

The Queensland Government will co-fund the collection of group 2 agvet chemicals in the upcoming [ChemClear](#) collection. This arrangement means that farmers and primary producers can now receive up to 50 per cent in funding to reduce the cost of removal and treatment of these chemicals. Register your chemicals for collection [HERE](#).

8.

The Australian Government has released Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030, the strategic roadmap for protecting Australia's environment, economy and way of life. Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 forms the basis for engagement with stakeholders to develop the annual action plans to deliver this roadmap and a national biosecurity strategy. Read the document [HERE](#).

9.

Applications for 2022 [Nuffield Australia](#) Scholarships are now open. Nuffield Scholars have been "bringing the world home" for 70 years, so why not become a part of the organisation and see leading and innovative businesses, identify new best practices and ideas. Scholars receive a \$30,000 bursary for a 14-week program. Apply now [HERE](#).

10.

[AgriFutures Australia](#) is inviting participants from the chicken meat industry and researchers to participate in its Annual Stakeholder Survey. Your feedback will ensure they continue to look for improvements in how they do business. Get involved [HERE](#).



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