



Celebrating National Agriculture Day

The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) and industry members are celebrating Queensland's integral role in Australia's agricultural story as part of National Agriculture Day, today, 19 November 2021.

National Agriculture Day is a celebration of the critical role that farmers play in feeding, clothing and providing amenity for the people of Queensland, Australia and many more around the world.

QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis said that the day provides an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the pivotal role agriculture has played in the country's history and will continue to play into the future.

"Queenslanders in particular have a lot to celebrate on National Agriculture Day, with the state's 24,000 farm businesses producing some of the highest quality food, fibre and foliage in the world," Dr Davis said.

"The sector has overcome the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and is forecast to be valued at over \$20 billion in 2021-22, while also representing more than 13 per cent of Queensland's total exports."

"Agriculture employs over 300,000 Queenslanders across the whole food supply chain, meaning roughly one in seven Queenslanders are employed by the food sector, while all enjoy its produce."

Dr Davis said the theme of this year's National Agriculture Day was 'Choose your #AgVenture' and encouraged Queenslanders to grow their career in agriculture.

"This year's theme highlights the importance of food, fibre, foliage, feed and feedstocks, forestry and renewable fuel production, and the endless opportunities and diverse career pathways available," Dr Davis said.

"From driving a cotton harvester and managing a produce packing shed, to developing a new fruit or nut tree variety, developing a new AI program or running a farm stay experience, there's a career pathway whatever your passion."

"With their enthusiasm, agventurers can play an important role in ensuring that agriculture has a resourced, fit for purpose workforce that is responsive to technological advances and potential disruption for the future productivity of the sector."

For more information about National Agriculture Day and how you can Choose your Agventure, visit: www.agday.org.au.

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