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Welcome to our Agriculture and Industry E-newsletter

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Seasonal Update

Come along to network with your neighbours, meet the Local Land Services team and hear a great range of presentations.

Seed representatives, Aaron Kemp (DLF) and Sam Adams (Barenbrug) will be available to answer any questions.

Topics:

- Looking ahead at potential seasonal conditions
- Lessons learned from the previous dry winter.
- What, when and how to sow
- Seed selection
- Fertiliser options and best practice grazing management and making the most of sown forage

As morning tea and lunch are included, please register by emailing the contact below:



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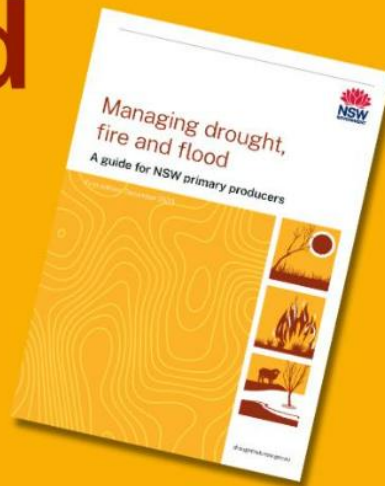
Managing Drought, Fire and Flood

This guide reflects the unique pressures placed on NSW producers before, during and after drought, fire and flood. It includes strategies and actions that farmers can consider to make informed decisions both for their business, and the wellbeing of them and the people around them.

It also includes information on relevant resources from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Local Land Services, practical information on feeding livestock, farm management and sustainable practices around soils, pastures, cropping and natural resources.

Managing drought, fire and flood

A guide for
NSW primary
producers



 **Download now**
www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au

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Three Day Sickness

Three day sickness (or Bovine Ephemeral Fever) continues to be seen in the central and southern parts of our region.

It is spread by biting insects and many animals may already have been exposed over the last few summers, and so will be immune now, but recent introductions may be susceptible.

Three day sickness, as the name implies, usually only lasts a few days before they recover but some heavier or well conditioned animals may be more at risk of becoming recumbent. Anti-inflammatory drugs reduce the fever and hasten the recovery in affected animals, so talk to your vet if you notice any sick or lame animals. A vaccine is also available for those more at-risk stock but needs to be given in advance of the risk period so that immunity is present before they get infected.

For more information, see <https://brnw.ch/21wHyUX> or call our district veterinarians for livestock health advice on 1300 795 299.



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Farm Labour Survey

National Farmers Federation wants to hear from farmers, that labour is one of their biggest issues. They are asking if you could take part in a very short survey which will help in discussions with the government, particularly concerning potential changes to the Backpacker programs.



[Complete Survey](#)

Beef Fundamentals

This free, self-paced online course will be delivered via [Tocal College](#) and is packed full of information on cattle nutrition, grazing, your legal responsibilities, health and welfare, cattle handling and more.

This program was jointly developed by LLS and [NSW Department of Primary Industries](#), and is funded by the Early Needs Recovery Program.



[More Details](#)



The Farmgate Wellbeing Service provides **free** emotional and mental health support to people living and working in rural and remote communities throughout the Mid North Coast Local Health District.

Who can we help?

Anyone experiencing stress from drought, fires, floods
Farmers and farming families
Frontline workers/business providers
Local Businesses
Contract/seasonal workers

We can travel to you

Visits can be arranged on your farm, home or business OR any other place of convenience like your favourite coffee shop.

0498 470 435

Email: MNCLHD-DisasterRecovery@health.nsw.gov.au

Monday to Friday 8am – 4.30pm



Mid North Coast
Local Health District

[Email Farmgate Wellbeing Service](#)



**Women in Farming
& Agriculture**

**Development
Scholarships
Available**

Apply Now!
wla.edu.au/industry/farming

 **WOMEN & LEADERSHIP
AUSTRALIA**

Leadership development courses for women leaders

Partial scholarships of \$1000 to \$5000 are available through @Women & Leadership Australia to support participation in leadership development courses for women leaders at all levels in Farming and Agriculture.

Apply by 22 March, 2024.

[More Info](#)

NSW Farm Safety Advisory Program

**Easy To Do WHS
for Farmers**

is coming to:

Online Via Zoom

Monday 11 March 2024

6.30pm to 8.30pm



Easy To Do WHS (for Farmers)

These workshops have been developed for primary producers to support you in understanding your legal obligations, and to create a safer, healthier and more successful business whilst demonstrating to your employees, contractors, visitors and family that their health and safety is important to you.

[Register](#)



Overgrazing Risk Due to Green Drought

A 'green drought' is currently being experienced in parts of the North Coast, bringing new risks to livestock. North Coast Local Land Services is warning producers to consider how to manage pastures and feed for dry times, even with the recent rain.

[More details](#)

An Australian Government initiative
powered by nbn

School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

- New families have until **31 December 2024** to take up the SSBI offer
- If families sign up now, this means they will get almost **2 school years of free internet** until 31 December 2025
- For families who have already connected, their free internet will automatically roll over **until 31 December 2025**

Check your eligibility:

Contact the SSBI National Referral Centre
Phone: 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)
Visit: www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet



School Students Broadband Initiative

Do you know about the Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative powered by NBN Australia? The program has been extended, giving new families until 31 December, 2024 to sign up. Act fast, and you could enjoy nearly two school years of free internet until 31 December, 2025!

Eligibility:

- Have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school.
- Do not currently have an active NBN network internet service at home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility).
- Live in premises that can access the NBN network through a standard connection.
- Have not had an active NBN connection during the previous 14 days.

[More details](#)

If you have any questions, please contact The Economic Development Team on [02 6566 3200](tel:0265663200) or agriculture@kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

[Sign me up for these updates and more](#)

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