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Dairy Pre-Employment Program

Are you on someone you know, keen to embark on an exciting career in the world of dairy farming?

We've got an incredible opportunity for passionate individuals.

A collaboration with Dairy NSW, TAFE NSW and Kempsey Shire Council, this is your ticket to a fulfilling journey in the dynamic dairy industry with this free course.

Looking for a career in the dairy industry?

Pre-employment training opportunity

This unique fee-free pre-employment program, delivered in partnership with TAFE and Dairy NSW, has been designed to meet employer needs for entry-level support staff.

It will be a practical hands-on program that will focus on developing the participants skills, growing their confidence, and creating interest in Dairy Farming as a rewarding career option.

The program will cover the below topics and content areas on a local farm:

- **Rear newborn and young livestock**
- **Handling livestock using basic techniques**
- **Milk livestock**
- **Health and safety on farm**



Important information

Enrolment closed: Monday 12th February 2024

Start date: Monday 19th February 2024

Completion date: Friday 23rd February 2024

Location: Kempsey



Eligibility - are you:

- 15 years or over?
- An Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen?



Please register here <https://bit.ly/3RvqydE> or via the QR code for your expression of interest and one of the Dairy NSW team will contact you



This pre-employment program is funded by the Australian and NSW government's Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program.

[More Details and Rego](#)

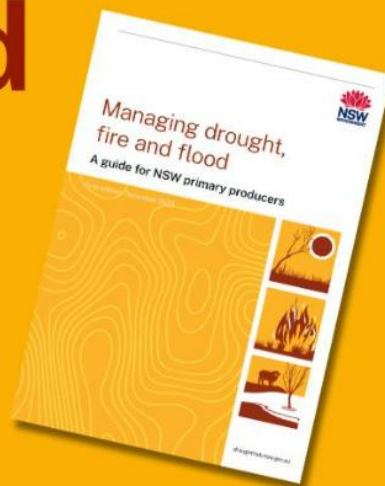
Managing Drought, Fire and Flood

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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Rural Aid Farm Recovery Event

This Rural Aid event is bringing a team of volunteers to the Kempsey Shire to help farmers recover from last year's bushfires.

Three dozen volunteers will work across half a dozen farms on a range of recovery tasks.

Rural Aid's Farm and Community Coordinator Grant Miskimmin said farmers who haven't registered with Rural Aid yet were welcome to get in touch.

"Rural Aid is really excited to head to Willawarrin between March 3 and 9," Mr Miskimmin said, "We've already lined up a few famers whose property we can work on. We've planned some fencing and other-fire related repairs for those farms.

"But we have room for a few more famers; so if you need a hand to get on top of your farm's bushfire recovery, please reach out to us," Mr Miskimmin said.

Mr Miskimmin said the Farm Recovery Events were always a great week for all involved, with many jobs ticked off, laughs shared and friendships formed.

"The Farm Recovery week is an amazing experience for both our farmers and volunteers," he said.

The Farm Recovery Event runs from 3 March to 9 March 2024.




[More details - Call 1300 327 624 or click to register](#)

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.

A black cow with a green ear tag stands in a lush green field. In the background, other cows are grazing. The sky is overcast.

Beef Fundamentals Course

Expand your knowledge and skills as a beef producer

lls.nsw.gov.au/beef-fundamentals

[More Details](#)



Farmgate Wellbeing Service

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](#)



Regional Tech Hub

Independent, free advice about telecommunications services for regional, rural, and remote Australians

The Regional Tech Hub offers independent advice and support and helps regional Australians navigate often confusing phone and internet options and technical issues.

The Regional Tech Hub continues the work of Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia (BIRRR) who pioneered this outstanding work.

[More Info](#)



Oyster Hatchery Open Day

NSW Farmers is hosting an Open Day at Australian Oyster Coast (AOC) Port Macquarie. This open day will allow growers the opportunity to understand how hatcheries operate, including access to algae rooms and larval tanks.

The workshops will be hosted by Todd Graham, the NSW Farmers' Hatchery Liaison Officer, and are free to attend for all interested stakeholders in the NSW oyster industry.

Date: Thursday, 29 February 202 AOC Port Macquarie:

Time: To be confirmed shortly.

Address: Shed 6, 59 Sandfly Alley, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444

[More details](#)



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 2 school years of free internet until 31 December 2025!

Eligibility:

- Have a child living at home that 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 our Agricultural Development Officer, Ali Briggs on [02 6566 3200](tel:0265663200) or ali.briggs@kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

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