



## Assistance for primary producers affected by southern Queensland rainfall and flooding, 22 February – 7 March 2022

### Financial assistance for primary producers

Financial recovery assistance is now available for primary producers impacted by the southern Queensland rainfall and flooding event.

This assistance includes concessional loans of up to \$250,000 and essential working capital loans of up to \$100,000 at a concessional interest rate, and freight subsidies of up to \$5,000.

Grants of up to \$75,000 are available to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace fencing and other costs associated with the recovery process.

Recovery funding is available for primary producers in the defined disaster areas:

- Brisbane City Council
- Fraser Coast Regional Council
- Gold Coast City Council
- Gympie Regional Council
- Ipswich City Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Logan City Council
- Moreton Bay Regional Council
- Noosa Shire Council
- North Burnett Regional Council
- Redland City Council
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- South Burnett Regional Council
- Southern Downs Regional Council
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- Toowoomba Regional Council.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they are an eligible primary producer within the declared disaster area, and that they have suffered direct impact from the disaster. Visit [grida.qld.gov.au](http://grida.qld.gov.au) or freecall 1800 623 946.

Primary producers outside of these areas who have suffered damage can apply for an Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declaration, providing access to freight subsidies up to \$5,000 and concessional loans of up to \$250,000. Visit [daf.qld.gov.au](http://daf.qld.gov.au) or phone 13 25 23.

Producers should take photos of direct damage on their property before cleaning-up to accompany their funding application. Please date stamp these photographs to show the damage is from this natural disaster event.

If you need an interpreter, please ring the Community Recovery Hotline number 1800 173 349 and request an interpreter.

#### More information





## Flood support and grants available for Pacific Nations agriculture workers and other visa holders

Flood affected Pacific nations workers and other approved visa holders working in the agriculture sector are able to access financial support if they live in a declared activation area. Visit [daf.engagementhub.com.au/aglabour](https://daf.engagementhub.com.au/aglabour) for information.

## Complete the agriculture flood impact survey

Fill in the online Natural Disaster Impact Survey by scanning the QR code or call the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) on 13 25 23 to report damage. This information helps inform assistance requests.



## Caring for livestock and crops after flooding

Visit [business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/rural-disaster-recovery](https://business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/rural-disaster-recovery) for information about bringing animals home after a natural disaster, infectious plant and animal diseases and crop recovery after wet weather and floods.

For sick or injured animals or livestock contact your vet. Contact your local council or RSPCA regarding lost and found pets. Call DAF on 13 25 23 to help find the owners of lost livestock.

Contact your local council for assistance with disposal of animal carcasses resulting from the recent weather events.

## Fire ants

Fire ants tend to build their nests higher after rain, making them easier to spot. They have also been spotted rafting in flooded areas around Brisbane, Logan and Ipswich. Report fire ants online at [fireants.org.au](https://fireants.org.au) or call DAF on 13 25 23.

## Protecting against mosquito-borne illnesses

Queenslanders are at greater risk of contracting illnesses from mosquitos following the heavy rainfall and flooding. Applying insect repellent, wearing loose clothes to cover arms and legs and wearing closed-in shoes can significantly increase protection against mosquito bites. For information about mosquito-borne illnesses visit [health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/diseases/mosquito-borne](https://health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/diseases/mosquito-borne).

## Help for Queenslanders

Visit [qld.gov.au/alerts](https://qld.gov.au/alerts) to access information and resources to help flood-affected residents and businesses recover from this natural disaster.

## Contacts

- community Recovery Hotline: call 1800 173 349 (open 24 hours)
- DAF: call 13 25 23, visit [daf.qld.gov.au](https://daf.qld.gov.au) or email [info@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@daf.qld.gov.au)
- QRIDA: call 1800 623 946 or visit [qrda.qld.gov.au](https://qrda.qld.gov.au)

