

QFF Farm Business Hour



The first 36 hours after a natural disaster event

The scale and impact of Queensland's weather events make it the most natural disaster-prone state in Australia. Yet, Queenslanders and Queensland's agricultural sector have developed a predisposition for resilience borne from years of experience and capacity to adapt to changing circumstances and recovery from disasters.

Many Queensland agricultural businesses have repeatedly experienced the cycles of recovery, with more than 50 disaster events since 2011 impacting the state. Recovery can be a complex and at times lengthy process, with different sectors recovering at different rates.

Natural disasters impact on agricultural systems in several ways. Disasters can result in the loss of livestock, crops and produce; damage to infrastructure, equipment and buildings; damage to standing crops; and erosion of land and waterways. Like other sectors of the economy, agriculture can also be impacted by the loss of electricity supply and communication services, and community infrastructure particularly transport.

Although farmers are inherently resilient, this resilience – or ability to recover and attain full business functionality after a disruption – hinges greatly on the preparedness for and initial response phase to a disaster.

In this episode of the QFF Farm Business Hour we will discuss the first 36 hours after the natural disaster event including:

- Resilience planning
- Scenario planning
- Response phase in the immediate 36 hours
- Initial assessment
- Risk management
- Recovery
- Safety
- Clean up
- The Queensland DAF Disaster Impact Survey

Panelists (see over):

- Lisa Beach - A/Director – Disaster Response and Recovery, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Barry Naylor - Extension Officer - QLD and Northern NSW, Greenlife Industry Australia
- Kerry Battersby - Project Manager, Queensland Farmers' Federation
- Hosted by: Sally Williams

**4:00 -5:00pm AEST
Wed 29 Mar 2022**

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About the panelists



Lisa Beach,
Queensland Department of
Agriculture and Fisheries

Lisa is the Director of Disaster Response and Recovery for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF). Her focus is on how to better assist farmers to prepare for and recover from disaster events. To do this, Lisa actively works with producers, industry groups and government at all levels to find better, easier and faster ways to support the agriculture sector.



Barry Naylor,
Greenlife Industry Australia

Barry Naylor currently works for Greenlife Industry Australia as an Extension Officer. He has been involved in the production nursery sector for over 40 years, owning his own nursery for more than 20 years.

Barry has been working for the state and national industry associations in many varied roles, including as the Queensland Industry Recovery Officer for the nursery industry for multiple disaster events.



Kerry Battersby,
Queensland Farmers' Federation

Kerry is Project Manager at Queensland Farmers' Federation for the Farm Business Resilience Program.

Kerry specialises in recovery, resilience and business continuity for farmers when confronted by drought and natural disasters and has worked on projects for the production nursery industry and managing QFF response to drought and the recent flood events in Queensland.

Host



Sally Williams

For over 25 years, Sally Williams has been a mainstay of the Australian media landscape. She is a sustainability advocate, presenter, facilitator, educator and motivator in the B2B and B2C sector and works extensively supporting Brands to help market their planet friendly products and services directly to the end user consumer.

About the QFF Farm Business Resilience Program and Farm Business Hour

The purpose of the QFF Family Farm Enterprise Risk and Resilience Program is to build the strategic management capacity of farmers to prepare for, and manage business and climate risks, and improve economic, environmental and social resilience.

QFF Farm Business Hour Episodes are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 4pm to discuss farm business issues, talk to industry and professional business advisers.

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