

Farm Business Resilience Program

Cotton Australia Farm Business Resilience Programme

Cotton Australia has entered into an agreement with the Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) to help deliver the Farm Business Resilience Program jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Queensland Government's Drought and Climate Adaptation Program.

In summary, this program is all about moving farmers from traditional forms of drought support to better preparation for all the challenges climate, markets and other factors throw at farm businesses.

Importantly, while traditional drought assistance largely focused on the grazing industries, this programme is opened to a broad range of primary producers, and it is not dependant on your region being drought declared.

The key to this program is primary producers thinking carefully about their businesses, the risks they face, and mitigation factors they can implement, and documenting it in a Farm Business Resilience Plan.

In Queensland, farmers who successful complete a Plan can apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 to assist in implementing drought mitigating actions that are identified in their Plan.

Cotton Australia can provide practical assistance in helping to better understand the process, and the help producers to write their Plan.

The Farm Management Grant program can help fund the cost of professional advice used to develop the plan, and the implementation of the plans.

There are several ways that primary producers can participate:

- By attending a range of industry events (both face-to-face and virtually) to learn more about farm business resilience planning in general, and this program.
- Register with the program, be kept informed, and able to access the specific services offered by the Cotton Australia/Queensland Farmers Federation Partnership.
- Independently complete a Farm Business Resilience Plan and be eligible for a government rebate of up to \$2,500 to offset professional assistance.
- Complete a Farm Business Resilience Plan with professional support provided through the Cotton Australia/Queensland Farmers Federation Partnership.
- Have an existing Farm Business Resilience Plan professionally reviewed.
- On completion of a Farm Business Resilience Plan be eligible to apply for a government grant of up to \$50,000 to implement actions that will make your farm more drought resilient.
- If utilising your own professional advisors to assist with developing your plan, in addition to the government rebate of up to \$2,500, Cotton Australia will provide a further rebate of up to \$1,000 (Available CA rebates are limited).

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Further Information can be found here:

Queensland Farmers Federation

<https://www.qff.org.au/projects/farm-business-resilience-program/>

Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority

- Drought Preparedness Grant – up to \$50,000
 - <https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/drought-preparedness-grants>
- Farm Management Grant to help prepare a Farm Business Resilience Plan
 - <https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/farm-management-grants>

For further information, please contact Cotton Australia General Manager Michael Murray on 0427 707868 or michaelm@cotton.org.au , and/or complete and return the simple enrolment form below.

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Program Registration

Cotton Australia/Queensland Farmers Federation Farm Business Resilience Plan Program Registration Form

By registering you will be included in all future communications on this program and will assist Cotton Australia in documenting its milestone in meeting its contracted obligations.

Form can be hand-written and scanned, or typed in using the *Click here to enter text function*

Please return to michaelm@cotton.org.au

Grower Name:

Business Trading Name:Click here to enter text.
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ABN:Click here to enter text.
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Address:Click here to enter text.
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Email:Click here to enter text.
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Phone Contact:Click here to enter text.
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What is the total size (hectares) if my farming enterprise? Click or tap here to enter text.
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Please cross one or more of the following (By clicking on the box it should fill it with an X):

- I would be interested in attending local face-to-face workshops on Farm Business Resilience Planning.
- I would be interested in participating in online webinars/events regarding Farm Business Resilience Planning.
- I am committed to completing a Farm Business Resilience Plan.

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In completing a Farm Business Resilience Plan, I am most likely to use my own trusted professional advisors (e.g. agronomist, accountant, etc) at my own cost so I can access the Farm Management Grant rebate.

In completing my Farm Business Resilience Plan, I would be interested in using a business professional that has been identified by Cotton Australia and QFF and funded by Cotton Australia.

I already have a Farm Business Resilience Plan, but I would like to have it reviewed by a professional as part of this program.

I would welcome a phone call from Cotton Australia to discuss the program.

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