

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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Centrelink
Phone 1800 050 585
Assistance with Farm Help

River Murray Water Restrictions
Phone 8595 2053
For water users in the Murraylands, allocation & restriction information, licenses & water trading.

SADA
Phone 8293 2399
Information & support to manage through the drought

SA Water
Phone 1800 130 952
Information on water restrictions & top tips to save water in your home, your garden & your business

Bureau of Meteorology
www.bom.gov.au

Drought Hotline
FREECALL* 180 20 20
Access to drought information, referrals to a wide range of services
www.service.sa.gov.au/drought.asp

*Mobile phone charges apply

Current drought conditions across SA continue to place pressure on the SA dairy industry either directly with reduced home grown grain, silage and hay yields or via increased costs & reduced availability of bought in grain and fodder. Below average rainfall in many regions is placing pressure on farm water supplies and water restrictions within the River Murray & Meningie Lakes region is also having an impact with allocations reduced to 70%.

Drought situations require planning and complex business and family decisions. This publication provides information and useful contacts to assist SA dairy farmers & their families manage through the drought.

REVIEW YOUR DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

- ✓ Do a current feed stock take
- ✓ Develop a feed budget & continually monitor your situation
- ✓ Develop sustainable land and water use strategies
- ✓ Maintain animal health and welfare
- ✓ Manage your financial risk
- ✓ Assess your current financial situation; prepare & monitor a cash flow budget, use partial budgeting for decision making
- ✓ Communicate with your bank manager & financial institutions
- ✓ Maintain family health and well-being
- ✓ Forward contract grain and fodder supplies, if possible, develop direct alliances with growers
- ✓ Manage your young stock - your future livestock should remain a priority
- ✓ Maximise production from irrigation if available with a focus on grazing management, fertiliser use and water use efficiency
- ✓ Manage stock numbers, continue to herd test & cull cows based on performance
- ✓ Talk to your farm advisers, dairy company & stock agents
- ✓ Participate in Taking Stock
- ✓ Talk to your family, business partners & friends
- ✓ Stay in control & seek help

We can't control the weather but we can control the decisions we make, how and when we act & our response to the situation



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Useful Contacts

DairySA

Phone 8766 0127
Project ideas on farmer needs during the drought

Grain Suppliers

ABB Grain

For referral to a local Field Officer
Phone 1800 018 205
www.abb.com.au

AWB Limited

Phone 1800 054 433
www.awb.com.au

Grain Traders, Farmers, Marketers & Stock Feed Suppliers

listed in the Yellow Pages

Fodder Suppliers

The Australian Fodder Industry Association

Phone 03 9890 6855
www.afia.org.au
Contact details of hay growers across Australia

Technical Information

FORAGE Skill\$

Phone 8536 3958
Building farmers skills, knowledge & confidence in forage management

Roseworthy Information Centre

Phone 1800 356 446

NSW DPI Dairying & Drought Agnote

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

PIRSA

www.pir.sa.gov.au
Phone 8226 0222

TAKING STOCK

Taking Stock is an industry-wide opportunity funded by Dairy Australia and dairy companies for dairy farmers to review how their businesses are travelling and to move forward. It assists farmers to identify the most important physical, financial or human issues affecting the business and look at ways of ensuring sustainable profitability.

Taking Stock provides one-on-one support with a trusted & trained adviser. A FREE Service ESSENTIAL for all those who want to review their situation.

Contact a Taking Stock Adviser NOW:

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Steve Scown 0418 853 911

Shane Teakle 08 8398 6366

Dairy Farmers

Greg Gilbert 0407 399 134

Warrnambool Cheese & Butter

Adriana Robaina 03 5563 2100

Brian Thomson 0417 807 874

National Foods

Colin Fox 0407 604 581

Julian Manowski 0408 391 855

Murray Goulburn

Rodney Petering 0428 993 395

www.dairyindustrysa.com.au

use our state website for information, contacts & useful links

RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

Help Line FREECALL 1800 836 211

Fleurieu, Adelaide Hills & Lower Barossa - Austin Reid 0418 821 788

South East - Valerie Monaghan 0428 849 956

Mid North - Deb Purvis 0427 430 244

LOWER MURRAY FARM SUPPORT SERVICE

Bronte Warneke 0408 814 858

DROUGHT LINK SUPPORT WORKER 8303 1497

LIFELINE 131 114 RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA 1300 864 277

PLAN, TAKE ACTION & MONITOR

Drought management strategies need to be planned, flexible, continually monitored and adjusted accordingly as the situation changes:

The availability of feed

The costs of feeding

Changes to the financial situation

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