



Support for Grazing BMP program at industry forum

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More than 60 Burdekin graziers and industry representatives gathered at Glenalpine Station, near Collinsville, last Thursday to discuss the introduction of Grazing Best Management Practices (BMP) benchmarking program and the need for a collective approach to highlight the good work of the industry.

AgForce Grazing BMP coordinator Mick Taylor said the forum, organised by AgForce Projects and led by a group of local graziers, was another successful step in engaging graziers across the region wishing to get on board and deliver a definitive response to engage with the Grazing BMP trial.

“More and more graziers are coming on board as they see that Grazing BMP is the benchmarking tool for the industry to be recognised for its strong achievements,” Mr Taylor said.

“Grazing BMP collates the industry standards for beef enterprise production and stewardship in Queensland, utilising the most up-to-date science and systems to ensure graziers remain at the head of the pack.”

Grazier and member of the grazing BMP producer reference group, Barry O'Sullivan, told the forum that staying up-to-date with industry best practice was critical in the constantly evolving industry.

“A successful uptake of Grazing BMP through a concerted grazing industry response will celebrate the good stewardship and ethical production practices that continually puts high quality, affordable beef on people's plates around the world,” Mr O'Sullivan said.

“Grazing BMP will finally give Queensland graziers the evidence to defend their industry practices as one.”

The program, a joint partnership between AgForce, Fitzroy Basin Association and the Queensland Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFFQ) has taken five years to develop and has been reviewed continually by government, independent scientists, leading environmental NGOs and graziers to ensure the information was rigorous and robust.

The Grazing BMP program allows graziers to anonymously benchmark their current business practices and stewardship performance and compare their results against the rest of the industry. In return, the aggregated and de-identified data will allow the industry to clearly demonstrate adoption levels of practices and performance and any areas requiring further attention for improvement.

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