

Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) – The future drought fund



Present climate variation presents difficult ramifications for producers. 64.7% of Queensland faces drought declaration whether partially or fully declared. Producers regardless of location can apply for resilience programs to aid in mitigating the effects of drought.

New policies have been established to support primary producers in managing their business through a range of drought services. The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) is the lead agency responsible for administering Queensland's RDRP.

The Future Drought Fund is a long-term sustainable investment fund providing Australian farmers and communities a network to build resilience and prepare for the impacts of drought. The fund directs focus for farm businesses to be better informed, more productive, profitable and be more able to adopt resilient land and natural resource management practices.

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New Drought Assistance

To establish sustainable long-term drought resistance, new programs focus on preparation and business planning. **Eligible primary producers can apply for the new drought preparedness fund without needing a drought declaration.**

Farm business resilience plan

The farm business resilience plan is the first big step in drought mitigation. Establishing a financial pathway of progress through the ever-present climate variation.

For future drought assistance grants and loans, primary producers are required to have a farm business resilience plan or similar.

For more information, please visit: [Farm Business Resilience Plan | Drought Assistance Program \(daf.qld.gov.au\)](#)

Drought preparedness grants and loans

Drought preparedness grants provides up to \$50,000 for on-farm capital improvements identified in a farm business resilience plan.

Drought ready and recovery finance loans of up to \$250,000 for preparedness measures, consistent with the producers farm business resilience plan, are available.

In-Drought assistance

Interest-free emergency drought assistance loans are available for up to \$50,000. Drought carry-on finance loans of up to \$250,000 at concessional interest rates will also be available for producers when the interest-free emergency drought assistance loan is insufficient to manage drought conditions.

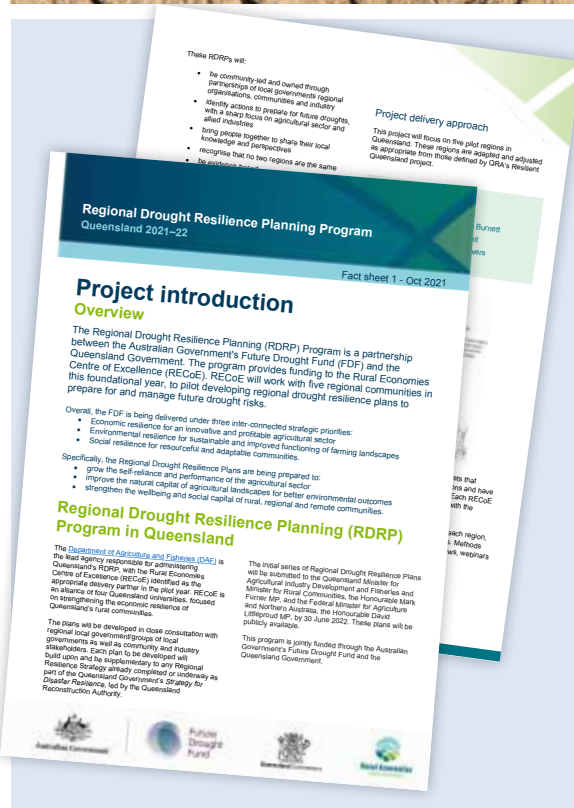
Land rent rebates, water licence waivers and drought relief from electricity charges scheme are also available as an in-drought assistance.

Drought recovery loan

Drought ready and recovery finance loans of up to \$250,000 are available for drought and can be utilised for recovery activities such as restocking and replanting.

Additional drought assistance packages

External grants, funding and programs are available to help farm families, businesses and communities affected by drought.



**For more information, please visit: [Other drought assistance programs](#)
[Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland \(daf.qld.gov.au\)](#)**