



AgriFutures Chicken Meat Programme Webinar: Nutrition & Gut Health



Dr Reza Barekatin

The next instalment of the AgriFutures webinar series will focus on nutrition and gut health, featuring presentations from Dr Reza Barekatin, Research Scientist – SARDI, and Shemil Macelline, PhD student – The University of Sydney. Reza will be giving an update on his study of protein source and selected amino acids for gut integrity of chickens. Shemil will be talking about the interactive impacts of ideal amino acid ratios and dietary crude protein concentrations on broiler performance.



Shemil Macelline

When: Wednesday 8th September, 11.00am to 12.00pm AEST. To register click [here](#).

Consultation period open on proposed reforms to Australian Consumer Law

One of the recommendations of the ACCC's Perishable Agricultural Goods Inquiry last year was the strengthening unfair contract term (UCT) protections within Australian Consumer Law. A draft Bill for this purpose was released on 23rd August, with the following key reforms:

1. Make UCTs unlawful and give courts the power to impose a civil penalty;
2. Provide more flexible remedies to a court when it declares a contract term unfair;
3. Increase the eligibility threshold for the protections from less than 20 employees to less than 100 employees, and introduce an annual turnover threshold of less than \$10 million as an alternative threshold for determining eligibility; and
4. Improve clarity around the definition of standard-form contract, by providing further certainty on factors such as repeat usage of a contract template, and whether the small business had an effective opportunity to negotiate the contract.

Treasury is consulting on the draft Bill, and is accepting submissions until 20th September. ACGC will make one, and if you'd like to, or for more information, see [Strengthening protections against unfair contract terms | Treasury.gov.au](#)

New NFF climate action campaign launched

On 18th August the NFF launched **Australian Farms: Where REAL climate action happens**, a 10-12 week campaign talking to the community about how Australian farmers are responding to climate change. The campaign aims to correct some misconceptions in metropolitan Australia that farmers prioritise profit over the environment.

So far the campaign features the stories of [cattle producer Stuart](#), [dairy farmer Tess](#) and [grain grower Dan](#). Chicken growers are invited to film and submit their own versions of these stories, or assist the campaign by spreading the word, with resources available at [Dropbox](#) and [Google Drive](#). The campaign webpage is at [www.farmers.org.au](#).

Australian Farms: Where REAL climate action happens is part of the [Telling Our Story](#) initiative which is designed to better connect Australians with food and fibre production and to secure agriculture's social licence to operate.

You could help define Skills Standards for chicken farm staff

Do you have an opinion on the training needs of farm staff? Skills Impact is a not-for-profit, industry-owned organisation that works across Australia to benchmark learning and skills standards for industry. Skills Impact is conducting a 2021-22 project focused on work health and safety and work processes and procedures related skill development for young and new workforce entrants, as well as further training of existing workers.

This project will result in the updating of vocational skills standards used by Australian training providers, and ACGC has been asked to help define the skills required to work on meat chicken farms, supporting future workers and industry as a whole. Please contact andrew@skillsimpact.com.au if you are or know of someone who may be interested in becoming involved. You can find out more about the project on the Skills Impact website [here](#).

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