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Commonwealth Government's Farm Business Resilience Programme

Australian farmers manage uncertainty and complexity every day. However, the business of farming is becoming more challenging – as farmers face significant climate risk, including future droughts.

The Australian Government is working with state and territory governments to give farmers the tools to manage these risks.

Through this programme farmers including farm managers and employees will have access to subsidised learning and development opportunities in strategic business management, farm risk management and decision-making, natural resource management, and personal and social resilience.

This programme will provide practical help to farmers to:

- upskill their strategic farm business management and planning approaches to best practice industry standards
- use data to understand their farm business's strategic risks and improve decision making processes
- learn about innovation and diversification options, new farming practices, systems and markets
- think about succession planning and learn new ways to manage people and time.

The programme will also offer farmers:

- an assessment of their business's performance, to identify opportunities to build resilience and help track progress
- support to develop or update farm business plans, tailored to their farms
- access to one-on-one professional advice on their plan
- practical tools and resources to take back to the farm.



[Click here for more information: Farm Business Resilience Programme](#)



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Chicken Meat

AgriFutures Chicken Meat Advisory Panel: applications invited

AgriFutures Australia currently has three positions open to join the AgriFutures Chicken Meat Advisory Panel. The Panel, in partnership with AgriFutures Australia, provides recommendations on the allocation of RD&E funding for the AgriFutures Chicken Meat Programme.

The Panel consists of people with a range of skills and experience in the research, farming, veterinary, nutrition and processing sectors of the chicken meat industry. AgriFutures Australia aims to maintain geographical, age and gender diversity to ensure that the Advisory Panel appropriately represents the Australian chicken meat industry.

Specifically, applicants are particularly encouraged if they have skills and experience in:

- Chicken meat farming (Grower)
- Environmental sustainability
- Poultry nutrition

Applications will be accepted until 20 January 2022. For more information, including application forms, visit:

<https://www.agrifutures.com.au/news/agrifutures-chicken-meat-advisory-panel-applications-2021-22/>

Some interesting recent research reports

[Gypsum improves broiler litter quality and reduces footpad lesions](#) 0.5kg gypsum per square metre appears to help with footpad dermatitis.

[Animal welfare assessment in antibiotic-free and conventional broiler chicken](#) Bird welfare did not appear to be compromised when antibiotics were not used.

[The effects of outdoor access and stocking density on the performance of broilers reared under tropical conditions](#) Lower stocking density and outdoor access had positive carcass effects.

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