



AgriFutures releases *Planning and Environmental Guidelines for establishing Meat Chicken Farms*

Chicken growers and planning authorities can now freely download two new sets of planning and environmental guidelines from the AgriFutures website. Guide 1 (The Assessment Guide) is intended to be used by planners, regulators and developers (and their consultants) to assess and prepare planning/development applications for new and expanding meat chicken farms. Guide 2 (The Applicant Guide) was written for people who need to submit development applications for new farms or extra sheds to be added to existing farms.

Some states already had planning guides for the local chicken meat industry, but these latest pair of guides

take into account the most recent technologies and science, and are designed for use in any chicken growing region.

Copies of the guidelines can be downloaded from AgriFutures Australia using the following links:

1. [Planning and environment guidelines for establishing meat chicken farms: Guide 1 – Assessment guide](#)

2. [Planning and environment guidelines for establishing meat chicken farms: Guide 2 – Applicant guide](#)



Fork in the Road: The impacts of climate change on our food supply

The National Farmers' Federation invites members to download a new report from Farmers for Climate Action, looking at the potential effects of climatic patterns on Australia's food supply chains. Key findings in the report include:

- Climate change is heightening the risk Australia will suffer food shortages when supply chains are disrupted, with increasing prices for food overall.
- Less water and more extreme weather means farmers grow less food and have trouble transporting that food to supermarkets and consumers.
- Climate change makes food supply even more unpredictable, makes life even more uncertain for farmers, cuts back food production, disrupts transport and increases pests and diseases.
- The price of food will rise further as floods, fire and drought make farming more expensive and less predictable.
- The cost of insurance for farms and the cost of getting finance is going up because of climate change.
- Roads and rail links are being cut off by extreme weather. West Australian supermarkets had to ship food in for weeks earlier this year; similarly Alice Springs supermarkets had no fresh food earlier this year.
- Trying to adapt is worthwhile but addressing the root cause by reducing emissions is better.

[The report is downloadable here](#)

Chemical disposal & container recycling

For growers with empty containers or unnecessary chemicals:

Drummuster: <https://www.drummuster.org.au/> provides Australian agricultural and veterinary chemical users with a recycling pathway for eligible empty agvet chemical containers. Drummuster is complemented by **Chemclear:** <https://www.chemclear.org.au/> which disposes of unwanted agvet chemicals.



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