



Poultry shed insurance: next move

A month ago the ACGC News mentioned the likelihood of webinars presented by an insurance broker (Capital Innovation and Insurance Group, or CIIG), aimed at helping growers to organise themselves into a group for the purpose of approaching insurers to negotiate lower premiums.

Since then ACGC has discussed the next move with CIIG, and given that the two grower surveys in 2020 did not have a strong response, CIIG suggested that if an initial arrangement can be put in place for a selection of major growers, other growers can join in afterwards.

Accordingly, the ACGC Directors and Policy Committee agreed that the first step is to approach the corporate growers as well as a few major independent growers, and have them meet with CIIG with the aim of forming an insurance-dedicated negotiation group. ACGC members will be kept informed of developments, and will be invited to join this insurance group should it be established, once it has become functional.

ACCC Perishable Agricultural Goods Inquiry: workshop 4 notes available

The last ACGC News included links to three communiques from the Commonwealth Department for Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE), summarizing notes from three DAWE- managed price and market transparency workshops held from 24th August, and focused on the chicken meat supply chain.

At the time, a fourth communique from a meeting on November 1st of DAWE and ACCC with corporate growers was not available, but readers can now download notes from that meeting [here](#).

It is worth noting that according to the communique, the corporate growers 'supported the idea of a voluntary code of conduct that was simple, addressed the pertinent issues and included the key items that contracts would need to cover, for example key common clauses'

AgCAREERSTART – An ag gap year programme

The National Farmers' Federation has recently announced the AgCAREERSTART programme, focused on introducing young Australians to careers in agriculture. Over 12 months, applicants will be matched with an on-farm job, given training and development, and gain access to industry events and experiences with other AgCAREERSTART participants.

AgCAREERSTART is an Australian Government initiative, managed by the NFF in collaboration with leading industry bodies. The first on-farm placements for AgCAREERSTART will get underway in March 2022, and applications for both farmer hosts and participants will open in the coming weeks.

If you can see yourself as either a farmer host or participant, you can register your interest and find out more [here](#).

Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Programme



NFF's Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Programme application deadline has been extended. Currently, over 250 people from every corner of rural, regional and remote Australia have joined the programme to share trusted advice and provide support to tackle challenges and opportunities in the agriculture industry. Join the programme and gain access to this national network and receive personal, tailored support in identifying and achieving your goals. Mentees and mentors on the programme are exploring business strategy, upskilling, leadership, people management and decision-making. Whatever your goals might be, a mentor can guide you to achieving them.

In the programme, you'll work through a series of six virtual mentoring sessions and have access to training, support and resources that are relevant for agriculture. The programme is looking for both mentors and mentees so whether you're looking to set goals for the new year or give back by sharing your experience, there's a place for you on the programme. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).