



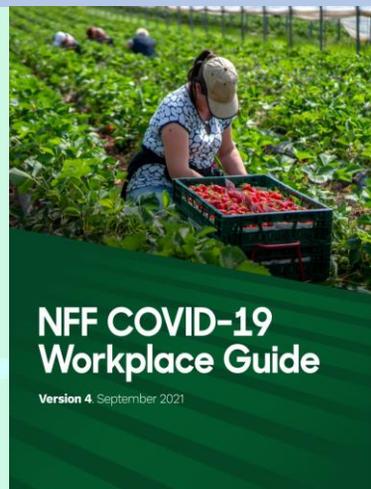
NFF's updated COVID-19 farm worker guide

Last week the NFF released an update to its COVID-19 Workforce Guide which includes advice on vaccinations and the workplace.

The Guide, first released in April 2020, contains practical information relating to, for example, quarantine requirements for new workers, social distancing at work and financial support as well as work health and safety and industrial relations considerations.

NFF supports the roll out of the vaccine and encourages eligible farmers and workers to get vaccinated as a matter of priority. The Guide now includes practical information on what steps employers can take to encourage vaccine uptake in their workforce.

To download a copy of the NFF COVID-19 Workplace Guide, click [here](#).



New ACMF President

The AGM of the Australian Chicken Meat Federation took place on 11th August and with Queensland's Alan Wilson stepping down as President after another two year term, the position was filled by Joel Kopanica, General Manager Agriculture with Turosi Foods and President of the Victorian Chicken Meat Council. He will be assisted by the newly elected Vice President, Dada Hu, who is the longstanding General Manager of Baiada's South Australian operations and President of the SA Chicken Meat Council. ACGC congratulates Joel and Dada and wishes them the best during their terms.



Joel Kopanica

How can Australia's agriculture sector realise opportunity in a low emissions future?

On 15th September Farmers for Climate Action, an NFF-affiliated association, published a report written for them by Ernst and Young, looking at how Australian agriculture might best achieve carbon neutrality. The report considers that with the right government policy settings and market support, zero carbon could be reached as soon as 2040, by focusing on four areas:

- Reduction of methane production
- Transition to electric vehicles and renewable energy
- Reforestation and integrating trees with agriculture
- Farmland management and carbon sequestration

To see the full report, click [here](#).

New project looking at farm work and sleeping disorders

ACGC has been contacted by a Senior Scientist in the Department of Sleep and Respiratory Medicine at John Hunter Hospital, in Newcastle NSW, who is the Chief Investigator for a study investigating sleep disorders, and the role that sleep may play in accident risk, physical and mental health in Australian Farmers – the Farming and Rural Employees Sleep Health (FRESH) study. This study aims to better understand the sleep problems that Australian farmers may experience and how to best manage these issues.

To date, there is limited research in Australia that has

looked at the sleep of Australian farmers. The study involves an anonymous online survey, and farmers from a variety of locations and demographics are being invited to participate. This study has approval from the Hunter New England Research Ethics Committee, reference 2021/ETH01284 and is being supported by a local research grant from the John Hunter Hospital.

The survey link is:

<http://redcap.link/FRESHsleep>

REMINDER: CARBON & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS SURVEY

Don't forget - [Integrity Ag & Environment](#) needs confidentially supplied energy use data from chicken growers and processors, and has created a simple on-line survey for growers to participate. You are encouraged to assist in data collection by activating this link and adding your confidential input: <https://www.research.net/r/agfgrowers>.