



LAST CHANCE: YOU COULD BE A 2021 NUFFIELD SCHOLAR

Nuffield Australia is open for 2022 scholarship applications and they're looking for a chicken grower by the end of this week

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Nuffield Australia's Program Operations Manager Nicola Raymond has written to ACGC to advise that "This year there is a scholarship specifically for a chicken meat producer, or person working directly in the chicken meat industry, so I would be very grateful if you could share this opportunity through your networks"

To find out more about the scholarship including how to apply (before August 6th), see: [Home | Nuffield Australia](#)

ACCC Perishable Agricultural Good Inquiry – latest development

While ACGC has been campaigning for a Mandatory Code of Conduct to be put in place to bring balance to grower contracts, the federal government would initially prefer to see if problems identified in the ACCC's Perishable Agricultural Goods inquiry can be solved through negotiation and voluntary agreement.

To this end the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) will be convening a programme of industry-tailored workshops with the title **Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries**.

The two chicken meat industry full-day workshops will take place in August and September, and will involve representatives from across the supply chain,

AgriFutures, DAWE and the ACCC. Growers will be represented by ACGC, NFF, NSWF and VFF. The two main objects of the workshops are:

- The better understanding of the industry's market transparency requirements, and
- A grants programme to develop and implement tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency.

AgriFutures will be able to apply to the grants programme 'for projects that generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve market transparency appropriate for the relevant supply chain.'

Growers will be advised on the workshop results.

Recent welfare research findings

Here are links to three interesting welfare-related reports, as supplied in a recent AgriFutures Research Roundup.

[Effects of fully or partially slatted flooring designs on the performance, welfare and carcass characteristics of broiler chickens](#)

This study concludes that fully and partly slatted flooring resulted in higher body weights, while reducing incidence of foot pad and hock joint deformations.

[Effects of hatching on-farm on performance and welfare of organic broilers: Section: Animal Well-Being and Behaviour](#)

This trial involved over 40,000 slow-growing broilers and results suggest lower mortality and higher hatchability for birds hatched on-farm.

[The efficacy of three on-farm euthanasia methods for broiler chickens throughout the production cycle](#)

This study compares manual cervical dislocation, mechanical cervical dislocation using the Koechner Euthanising Device and a non-penetrative captive bolt device.