

Drought checklist

	Yes, we're on top of it	Ok, but there's work to do	No, and we should do something about it	No, and it's not relevant to us
	✓	✓	✓	✓
Feed budget completed for all classes of stock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water budgets and tests completed for stock, dairy shed and irrigation where applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health assessment and plan for all livestock classes completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monthly cash flow budget completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We are aware of dry conditions/drought grants or rebates available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We are aware of resources to support physical health and wellbeing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: For a more in depth assessment, take a look at the Dry Season Checklist at dairyaustralia.com.au/issuesemergencies.

Feed planning considerations:

- Feed available (paddocks, silos, stacks).
- Feed tests and vendor declarations.
- Feeding options considered (incl. external and alternative feeds).
- Nutritionist or feed supplier contacted, if required.
- Feeding infrastructure available.
- Feeds sourced and contracted.
- Additional labour required.

Animal health assessment considerations:

- Dairy herd body condition score.
- Cow health (fertility, mastitis, lameness and nutrition - including acidosis risk).
- Heifer growth weights (% of mature body weight) with respect to when joining is planned.
- Culling strategy in place.
- Animals welfare and transportation requirements.
- Cow parking options.

The Dry Season Resources document includes:

- Monthly back of the envelope feed budget.
- Feed budget calculator.
- Cow health and welfare.
- Stock water planning.
- Drinking water access and quality.
- DairyBase Budgeting.
- Building emotional resilience.

Scan the QR code to access the Dry Season Resources:



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Jobs	Task	Who is going to do it?	Who can help?	What resources are required?
Today				
This week				
This month				

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