

RESILIENT PASTURE LANDSCAPES

*A new 2-year free program
to help farmers manage
for productive and drought
resilient pastures*

The University of New England (UNE) has launched a new coaching program to improve farmers' capability to manage productive and drought resilient pastures.

Much of the New England region might be sopping wet, but the spectre of a variable climate and the inevitable next big drought haunts the thoughts of graziers. This new initiative aims to support farmers to be better equipped to manage for a variable climate and for when the next dry hits.

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program*

PROGRAM FEATURES



Learning in Small Groups

Participants in the project will be placed into small groups of 5-10. Each group will work with a pasture coach, to enhance skills and confidence in managing a more resilient pasture system. Small group size will allow participants to tailor the project towards their specific interests and requirements.



Group Sessions with a Pasture Coach

Learn how to assess the productivity and health of pastures, develop feed budgets, and use climate forecasts to better navigate climate variability and drought. Use indicators for success such as ground cover and soil organic matter as well as reducing weeds, erosion and runoff.



Free Ag360 Software for Participants

Training in Ag360 will be provided. Ag360 is a free online software tool that can be used to record farm details and predict soil moisture, pasture growth and amount and animal weight.



Freshwater Quality

UNE freshwater ecologist Dr Sarah Mika will monitor freshwater quality, baseflows and aquatic ecosystems on some participants' properties. The results of the monitoring will be shared with participants.



COMMITMENT REQUIRED

Participants will be asked to commit to group meetings six times a year; hosting a group of 5-10 people on a section of your property to assess pastures; and sharing project findings. Participants must also be willing to implement strategies from the project (e.g. pasture budgets) on their property.

How to Apply:

Please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHHQZWC>
and fill out the application form.



*Contact your
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