

A Resource Kit for Rural Landholders

on the Northern Tablelands of NSW



CONTACT LIST

This Contact List is designed to accompany the book entitled *Resource Kit for Landholders on the Northern Tablelands of NSW* and each section lists the resources found in the corresponding section in that book.

It is produced as a separate document so it can be updated on a more regular basis.

Disclaimer

Information contained in this publication is provided as general advice only. For application to specific circumstances, professional advice should be sought. Views of individuals do not necessarily reflect New South Wales Government policy. The authors have taken all reasonable steps to ensure the information contained in this publication is accurate at the time of publication. Readers should ensure that they make appropriate inquiries to determine whether new information is available on the particular subject matter.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this document include:

BR-G CMA = Border Rivers - Gwydir Catchment Management Authority

DECC = Department of Environment and Climate Change

DWE = Department of Water and Energy

EPRG = Environmental Protection and Regulation Group

LALC = Local Aboriginal Land Council

LHPA = Livestock Health & Pest Authority

NEWA = New England Weeds Authority

NPWS = National Parks & Wildlife Service (a division of DECC)

NR CMA = Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority

NRM = Natural Resource Management

NSW DPI = NSW Department of Primary Industries

PVP = Property Vegetation Plan

WIRES = NSW Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service Inc

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INTRODUCTION

Rural living

- Local taxation specialists or your accountant (see Taxation Consultants in the Yellow Pages).
- Australian Tax Office on phone 13 28 66.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Climate

- How climate affects pastures, crops, and horticulture - agronomists in NSW DPI.
- General information on temperature, rainfall etc Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website.

Soils

- General information about local soils - agronomists, NSW DPI.
- Soil erosion control measures – Your CMA, Soil Works in the Department of Lands.
- Landcare Coordinators at Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Guyra, Armidale, Uralla, Walcha, Inverell and Bingara.
- Soil Conservation Services in the Department of Lands.
- Soil erosion control funding – contact Your CMA or Landcare network.
- Soil erosion earthworks - Local Government for planning controls.
- Local contractors (see “Excavating &/Or Earth Moving Contractors” in the Yellow Pages).
- Soil chemical testing - NSW DPI offices for advice and list of testing laboratories, agribusiness stores (see Yellow Pages).

Water

- Dam regulations and licensing - licensing division of DWE, Local Government.
- Advice on dam construction and earthworks - Soil Conservation Services in the Department of Lands, Your CMA.
- River health: management and funding - Your CMA, Landcare Networks, Local Government.
- Dam construction
 - Soil Conservation Services in the Department of Lands.

- Private dam builders (see “Earth Moving/Excavating Contractors” in the Yellow Pages).
- Bore and river pumping regulations and licensing - Licensing Division of DWE.
- Aquifer locations, depths and possible yields - Resource Access Officer in DWE.
- Bore construction - Private contractors (see “Boring &/Or Drilling Contractors” in the Yellow Pages).
- River quality/height monitoring - Local Government, SES.
- Pump performance and irrigation design - Irrigation Officer in NSW DPI.
- Private irrigation consultants (see “Irrigation &/Or Reticulation Systems” in the Yellow Pages).
- Stock and irrigation water quality testing
 - NSW DPI.
 - Soil Conservation Services in the Department of Lands.
- Domestic tank water quality testing - Local Government.

Native vegetation & biodiversity

- Vegetation identification
 - Agronomist, NSW DPI – pastures, weeds and poisonous plants.
 - Botanical Information Service, Sydney Botanic Gardens, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Sydney – all plants (fees do apply).
 - Your CMA.
 - NPWS Rangers at DECC.
 - Private Consultants (see “Natural Resource” or “Environmental &/Or Pollution” consultants in Yellow Pages).
 - Local Weeds Authorities.
 - Local Native Plant Nurseries.
 - Botany Department, University of New England (fees may apply).
- Vegetation assessment
 - Your CMA.
 - Private Consultants (see “natural resource” or “environmental &/or pollution” consultants in Yellow Pages).

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- Landcare Networks can also provide more local contacts.
- Vegetation assessment
 - Your CMA.
 - Private Consultants (see “Natural Resource” or “Environmental &/Or Pollution” consultants in Yellow Pages).
 - Landcare Networks can also provide more local contacts.
 - University of New England.
- Native pasture management
 - Agronomists, NSW DPI.
 - Agronomists at local agribusinesses.
 - Private Consultants (see “Farm & Agricultural Advisory Services” in the Yellow Pages).
 - Your CMA.
- Wetland management
 - Your CMA.
 - Wetland Care Australia.
 - Environmental Officers at Local Government.
 - Agronomists, NSW DPI.
 - Fishery conservation unit, NSW DPI.
 - DECC (Wingewarra Street, Dubbo).
- Forest management for conservation (also see “Forestry” section)
 - Your CMA.
 - NPWS section of DECC.
 - Private Consultants (see “Natural Resource” or “Environmental &/Or Pollution” consultants in Yellow Pages).
- Native vegetation clearing
 - Your CMA for advice and approvals.
 - Local Government for development approvals in urban and industrial lands.
 - Agronomists, NSW DPI for advice on the economics of clearing for agriculture.
- Conservation agreements and funding opportunities
 - Your CMA.
 - Landcare Networks.
 - NPWS section of DECC.

- Reserves acquisition and voluntary conservation agreements through DECC.

Cultural heritage

- Local Aboriginal Lands Councils.
- Your CMA, Aboriginal Project Officers.
- Cultural Heritage Division of DECC (Dubbo and Hurstville).
- NPWS section of DECC.
- Consultants (check yellow pages or through Local Aboriginal Land Councils).

LAND USES

Animal enterprises

Beef cattle and sheep

Property identification codes and identification tags must be obtained from the LHPA before buying or selling stock. Find out about the National Livestock Identification Scheme.

- National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS)
 - New England LHPA at Armidale, Glen Innes, or Tenterfield for information on its operation and to obtain.
- Property Identification Codes (PIC) and livestock identification tags
 - Livestock Officers with NSW DPI at Armidale, Glen Innes and Tamworth for information on its operation.
 - Meat & Livestock Australia for PIC codes.
 - Order tags through your local LHPA or stock and station agent.
- Identification and transport
 - LHPA.
- Management (e.g. grazing management, supplementary feeding, animal assessment, etc)
 - Livestock Officers with NSW DPI at Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell and Tamworth.
- Buying and selling stock
 - Stock and station agents (see Yellow Pages).
- Stock disease

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- District Veterinarians with New England LHPA at Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield or Inverell for information on herd or flock disease history or status.
- Private vets (see Yellow Pages).
- Development consent for feedlots
 - Local Government.
 - EPA division of DECC.

Dairying

Dairying is a specialist field that requires high levels of capital as well as extensive pasture, cropping, animal husbandry and administrative skills. It is generally not suited to new landholders. Before contemplating dairying, talk to a dairy officer.

- Dairy Officers in NSW DPI.
- For owners of a few cows see Beef Cattle section.
- Whether development consent is needed for intensive livestock agriculture contact Local Government.

Horses

The following resources are for owners of stock horses and are not meant to meet the needs of a horse enterprise

- NSW DPI Tocal for horse based courses.
- Contact veterinarians, horse associations, industry bodies and local horse owners to obtain advice. Also, see the Yellow Pages for horse-based services.
- Animal health
 - District Veterinarians in LHPA for multiple animals or a history of recurring disease only.
 - Private vets for individual animals (see Yellow Pages).
- Branding and brand registration - LHPA.
- Whether development consent is needed for intensive livestock agriculture - Local Government.

Pigs

- All aspects of management - Livestock Officers (Pigs) in NSW DPI at Tamworth.
- Development consent for piggeries - Local Government and DECC EPRG.
- Producer Groups
 - Australian Pork Ltd.

- NSW Farmers Association.
- Meat and Livestock Australia.

Poultry

- All aspects of management - Poultry Officer in the NSW DPI Tocal Paterson Advisory Office.
- Development consent for commercial production - Local Government and DECC EPRG.
- Producer Groups - NSW Free Range Egg Producers' Association.

Bees

- All beekeeping advice - Apiary Officer in NSW DPI at Tamworth.
- Registration as a beekeeper (compulsory) - Regulatory Officers in NSW DPI.
- Beekeeping regulations and notifiable diseases - Regulatory Officers in NSW DPI.
- Beekeeping Associations - NSW Apiarists' Association Inc.

Aquaculture

- Aquaculture advice and details on funding schemes - Aquaculture Extension Officer in NSW DPI Tamworth (Fisheries).
- Aquaculture permits and the application process - Aquaculture Administration Centre.
- Whether development consent is needed - Local Government.
- Information on aquaculture markets - NSW Aquaculture Association.
- Sydney Fish Market Authority - Links to the regions aquaculture sector - New England North West Regional Development Board.
- Aquaculture producers group - NSW Aquaculture Association.

Fencing

- Advice and construction of fences- Local fencing contractors (see under "Fencing Contractors" in the Yellow Pages).
- Funding for streamline and native vegetation fencing
 - Your CMA.
 - Your Landcare network.
- Tractor PTO guarding subsidies - WorkCover.

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Pastures

- Identification
 - Agronomists in NSW DPI.
 - Botanical Information Service, Royal Botanic Gardens, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Sydney.
 - CMA staff.
 - Private Consultants (see “Natural Resource” or “Environmental &/Or Pollution” consultants in Yellow Pages).
- Management
 - Agronomists in NSW DPI.
 - Private Consultants (see “natural resource” or “Environmental &/Or Pollution” consultants in Yellow Pages).
 - Agronomists in agribusiness stores (see Yellow Pages).
 - Your local NSW DPI agronomist or agribusiness store agronomists can provide property specific advice as well as generalised advice.

Forestry

- Initial contact and source of information for those interested in forestry investment - Office of Private Forestry.
- Native farm forestry approvals and plantation (>30 hectares) approvals - Farm Forestry Extension in DWE, DECC Private Native Forestry section, Grafton.
- Farm forestry and its integration with agricultural production - Forestry Officer in NSW DPI at Tamworth.
- Harvesting timber for on-farm use (routine agricultural management activities) – your CMA.
- Hardwood and softwood plantations joint ventures - Forests NSW Joint Venture Hotline.
- Northern Inland Forestry Investment Group.

Crops

- Agronomists, NSW DPI.
- Grower Groups.
- Agronomists and consultants, Agribusinesses (see Yellow Pages).

Horticulture

- Horticulture Officers in NSW DPI.
- Whether development consent is needed for horticulture or viticulture – Local Government.
- Native Flower Growers’ Association Inc.
- Australian Native Flower Growers and Promoters Association.
- Blandfordia Research and Extension Group – Contact the Horticulture Officer in NSW DPI.
- Horticulturalist in NSW DPI at Narara for greenhouse and hydroponic vegetables.
- Horticulturalists in NSW DPI at Yanco for larger scale field vegetables.
- Grower Groups.
- QLD DPI Research Centre at Applethorpe, QLD.

New & emerging industries

Government departments tend to concentrate their expertise on larger established industries. Hence, there is often little research and expertise available for landholders taking up new and emerging industries. Always check with your local NSW DPI office first to find out what advice is available.

However, often you will need to seek out producer networks or associations for support.

- Local NSW DPI offices.
- New England North West Regional Development Board lists a wide range of for new and emerging industries and is developing a range of discussion groups.
- Australian New Crops. Contact about information on potential, new or emerging crops and who is working in the area.
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation. Many publications and links to new and emerging industries.
- Native Flower Growers Association.

Organic farming

Organic farming covers production in all areas of agriculture. If there is an advisor for the particular enterprise (see above) refer to them first. However, many organic enterprises involve small and emerging industries that do not have a specialist government advisor. In this case, you will need to contact local and state and national organizations to develop the networks and knowledge required.

- Organic Farming Liaison Officer, NSW DPI at Yanco.

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- New England North West Regional Development Board for a full list of all organic organizations and networks.
- Biodynamic Agriculture Australia.
- Organic Federation of Australia.
- Organic Growers of Australia.
- Australian Certified Organic & Biological Farmers of Australia.
- Border Landcare Organic Group.

Pests & weeds

Vertebrate pests

- Advice and assistance in eradicating vertebrate and invasive pest animals/insects - New England LHPA at Tenterfield, Glen Innes and Armidale.
- Advice and assistance in controlling environmental pests - Landcare Networks.
- Licence to keep pest animals - LHPA.
- Registration of domestic dingoes (obligatory) - Local Government.
- Licence to control native pest animals on private property – NPWS at DECC.

Weeds

- NSW DPI Agronomist.
- Local Council or Weeds Authority Noxious Weeds Officers.
- Noxious Weeds Authority, Armidale and Glen Innes or local Council.
- Local Control authorities (often within Councils but may be separate – e.g. Northern Tablelands Weed Authority).

Pesticides

Certification is required to use pesticides.

- Pesticide usage in pastures or crops - Agronomists in NSW DPI at Armidale and Glen Innes.
- Pesticide usage in horticulture - District Horticulturalists in NSW DPI at Orange.
- Pesticide usage for stock
 - Private vets (see Veterinarians in the Yellow Pages).
 - Livestock Officers in NSW DPI at Armidale, and Glen Innes and Tamworth.

HAZARDS

Contaminated land

- Environment Protection and Regulation Division in DECC (was known as EPA).

Fire

- All fire management information, fire danger periods, burn-off permits and training - Rural Fire Service Control Centre.
- Advice on fire management on private properties
 - Rural Fire Service Control Centres.
 - Agronomists in NSW DPI.
 - Environment Officers in Local Government.
 - NPWS section of DECC.
- Disaster relief
 - Department of Community Services.
 - Rural Assistance Authority.
- Injured and orphaned wildlife - WIRES.

Storms, severe weather & floods

- Flood and storm warnings
 - local radio stations for updates and advice.
 - State Emergency Service.
- Emergency help for people and animals - State Emergency Service.
- To determine if you are in a flood-prone area - Local Government.
- Local flooding knowledge
 - State Emergency Service.
 - neighbours.
- Local “floodsafe” plans
 - Local Government.
 - State Emergency Service.
- Develop a household flood-action plan - State Emergency Service.
- Develop a livestock flood-action plan.
 - LHPA.
 - Livestock Officers in NSW DPI.

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- How to manage livestock during and after flood
 - Dairy Officer in NSW DPI.
 - Beef Cattle Officer in NSW DPI.
 - Sheep and Wool Officer in NSW DPI.
- Financial advice
 - Rural Financial Counselling Service, Armidale, Inverell.
- Disaster relief
 - Rural Assistance Authority.
 - Department of Community Services.
- Livestock starvation/cruelty - Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).
- Injured and orphaned wildlife - WIRES.
- How to manage livestock - Beef Cattle Officer in NSW DPI at Glen Innes, Armidale, Tamworth.
- Drought support subsidies for primary producers - Rural Assistance Authority.
- Processing of drought subsidies and providing support information
 - Rural Financial Counselling Service.
 - LHPA.
- Disaster welfare assistance - Department of Community Services.
- Centrelink.
- Financial advice - Rural Financial Counselling Service.
- River pumping restrictions - Resource Access Officer in DWE.
- Livestock starvation/cruelty - Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).
- Injured and orphaned wildlife –WIRES.

Drought

- How to manage pastures, soils and crops - Agronomists in NSW DPI.
- How to manage horticultural crops - Horticulture Officer in NSW DPI.

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CONTACTS LISTED ALHPABETICALLY

Aboriginal Community Support Officer (BR-G CMA)

PO Box 411, Inverell NSW 2360

T: 02 67288020

Aboriginal Land Councils and Corporations

W: www.alc.org.au

Services include: land acquisition and claims.

Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council

- 229 Rouse Street, Tenterfield NSW 2372
- T: 02 67363219

Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council

- 36n Derby St Walcha
- T: 02 6777 1100

Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Land Council

29 Ruby St, Tingha, NSW, 2369

T: 02 6723 3022

Aboriginal NRM Facilitator (NRCMA)

PO Box 1417, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

T: 02 6653 0150

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF)

This is the Commonwealth department responsible for agriculture, fisheries and forestry. It provides an internet portal to government information at local, state and commonwealth level for agricultural natural resource management, industries, products and agribusiness.

GPO Box 858, Canberra, ACT, 2601

Enquiries Agricultural Productivity Division (Crops, horticulture and livestock): (02) 6272 5903

W: www.daff.gov.au, www.agriculture.gov.au

Apiarists Association (NSW)

Represents commercial beekeepers' interests and produces a bi-monthly newsletter for members.

Julie Lockhart (State Secretary/Treasurer)
PO Box 3018, Toongabbie East, NSW, 2146

T: 02 9631 3934

E: nswaa@bigpond.net.au

Aquaculture Association (NSW)

This is the peak industry body that represents land-based aquaculturalists in NSW. It covers marketing, research, and provides fact sheets.

Rob McCormack (President)
PO Box 3, Karuah NSW 2324

T/F: 02 4997 5160

W: www.nswaqua.com.au

Armidale Tree Group

ATG is a native nursery that offers a free service for plant identification.

80 Mann Street Armidale

T: 02 6771 1620

Australian Native Flower Growers and Promoters

A producer group providing news, events and promotion regarding the native flower industry.

PO Box 4327, East Gosford, 2250

T: 02 4365 5510

E: olgab@netseek.com.au

Australian New Crops

Contact about information on potential, new or emerging crops and in your area.

Dr Rob Fletcher
School of Agriculture and Horticulture
University of Queensland, Gatton, 4343

T: 07 5460 1311

E: r.fletcher@mailbox.uq.edu.au

W: www.newcrops.uq.edu.au/

Australian Pork Ltd

National representative body for Australian pig producers. Provides marketing, research, fact sheets, events and seasonal updates.

PO Box 148, Deakin West, ACT, 2600

T: 1800 789 099

E: apl@australianpork.com.au

W: www.australianpork.com.au

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Australian Tea Tree Industry Association

Peak body of the Australian tea tree growing industry. Includes market data, research, links, etc.

PO Box 20, Tweed Heads, 2485

T: 02 66 742 925

E: enquiries@attia.org.au

W: www.teatree.org.au

Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI)

Peak body of the Australian Wool Industry.

Level 30, 580 George Street
GPO Box 4177
Sydney NSW 2001

T: 02 8295 3100

F: 02 8295 4100

Helpline 1800 070 099 (free call)

E: info@wool.com

W: www.woolinnovation.com.au

Biodynamic Agriculture Australia

A not-for-profit producer-based organization that promotes the biodynamics in agriculture.

PO Box 54, Bellingen, 2454

T: 02 6655 0566

E: bdoffice@biodynamics.net.au

W: www.biodynamics.net.au

Biological Farmers of Australia and Australian Certified Organic

A representative organic body that provides assistance in market intelligence, exporting requirements, and development of and networks.

PO Box 530 – L1/766 Gympie Rd, Chermside, Qld, 4032

T: 07 3350 5716

E: info@australianorganic.com.au and info@bfa.com.au

W: www.bfa.com.au

Border Landcare Organic Group (BLOG)

A group of organic and biodynamic enthusiasts with a range and scale of enterprises and activities.

T: Rex Maddocks 02 6736 4259

Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority

Responsible for developing and implementing the region's catchment action plan, as well as providing education, training and funding in natural resource management.

15 Vivian Street (PO Box 411), Inverell NSW 2360

T: 02 6728 8020

F: 02 6728 8098

E: brgcm@cmnsw.gov.au

W: www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au

Botanical Information Service (BIS) National Herbarium of NSW Botanic Gardens Trust

Identifies plants for the public. Prices are currently \$16.50 for 1 plant, \$33 for mail service. Up to \$200 per hour thereafter, depends on the complexity of the job. This is not a gardening service, and should be used for identifying weeds or unusual native species. At the time of printing, limited numbers of samples could be sent for free through NSW DPI. Check www.rbgnsyd.nsw.gov.au for details.

Royal Botanical Gardens

Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney, 2000

T: 02 9231 8111

Urgent enquiries (e.g. poisonous plants): 02 9231 8111

E: botanical.is@rbgnsyd.nsw.gov.au

W:

www.rbgnsyd.nsw.gov.au/plant_info/identifying_plants

Country Women's Association (CWA)

A voluntary organization that works to improve conditions for country women and their families.

Provides a support network and a voice to Government.

There are branches in most towns.

W: www.cwaofnsw.org.au

Department of Community Services

Lead government agency responsible for providing immediate welfare assistance to victims of disasters including drought, flood and bushfire.

W: www.community.nsw.gov.au

Darby House, 92-98 Jessie St, Armidale NSW 2350

PO Box 193

Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6738 8200

F: 02 6738 8250

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107 Meade St, PO Box 81, Glen Innes NSW 2370

T: 02 6732 4925

F: 02 6732 3101

127 Otho St, PO Box 383, Inverell NSW 2360

T: 02 6728 2700

F: 02 6728 2799

14 - 16 Bourke St, PO Box 572, Tamworth 2340

T: 02 6768 4600

F: 02 6768 4699

DOCS State Disaster Recovery Centre

People affected by disaster who require assistance should call the 24 hour State Disaster Recovery Centre telephone service on 1800 018 444 or register with DoCS at their local Evacuation or Disaster Recovery Centre.

Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW (DECC)

W: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

- Flora and fauna protection See National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Private Native Forests 02 66 530103
- Environmental Protection and regulation Group, Armidale – 02 6773 7000
- Environment Line (Pollution and pesticide spill incidents, clearing, etc) 131 555. Reports may be made anonymously.
- Cultural heritage -.Through EPRG Armidale (02 6773 7000) or Dubbo (02 6883 5312)

Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH)

This is the Commonwealth department responsible for matters of national environmental significance. It administers the environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and provides an internet portal to government information at the local, state and commonwealth level on environmental issues covering atmosphere, biodiversity, coasts and oceans, environment protection heritage, inland waters and land.

GPO Box 787, Canberra, ACT, 2601

T: 02 6274 1111

E: via enquiry page at

www.deh.gov.au/erin/comments.html

W: www.deh.gov.au, environmental portal

www.environment.gov.au

Department of Lands NSW

Provides information on the Dividing fences Act 1991 and crown lands, which it administers and manages under the Crown Lands Act 1989.

Head Office

1 Prince Albert Road, Queens Square, NSW 2000
GPO Box 15, Sydney NSW 2001

T: 13000 LANDS

T: 02 9228 6666

W: www.lands.nsw.gov.au/crown_land

Land and Property Information

Provides land title registration, property information, valuation, surveying and mapping.

GPO Box 15, Sydney, 2001

T: 02 9228 6666

E: via www.lands.nsw.gov.au

Map Sales

Provides aerial photographs of properties.

PO Box 143, Bathurst, 2795

T: 02 6332 8123

W: http://www.lands.nsw.gov.au/survey_maps

Armidale Office

Crown Lands

108 Faulkner Street, PO Box 199A, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6770 3100

F: 02 6772 8782

Soil Conservation Services

Provides professional and technical services in conservation earthworks, erosion control, water resource management, rural property planning and soil and water testing.

108 Faulkner Street, PO Box 199A, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6770 3112

F: 02 6772 8782

E: via

www.lands.nsw.gov.au/SoilServices/Soilservenq.htm

Department of Natural Resources NSW (DNR)

See Department of Water and Energy (DWE) or Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).

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Department of Primary Industries (DPI)

W: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Agriculture division

Primary contact for information regarding agricultural production: pastures, crops, horticulture, dairying, beef cattle, sheep, soils, etc.

Bookshop

Orange Agricultural Institute, Orange, 2800

T: 1800 028 374

E: bookshop@agric.nsw.gov.au

W: <http://www.shop.nsw.gov.au/index.jsp>

Armidale Animal Genetics & Breeding Unit

University of New England, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6773 2055

F: 02 6773 3266

Armidale District Office

PO Box U86, Earth Sciences Building, Ring Rd North, University of New England, Armidale NSW 2351

T: 02 6738 8500

F: 02 6772 8664

Armidale Beef Industry Centre

JSF Barker Building University of New England, Trevenna Road, Armidale NSW 2351

T: 02 6770 1800

F: 02 6770 1830

Glen Innes Agricultural Research & Advisory Station

Wellingrove Road, Glen Innes NSW 2370
Private Mail Bag, Glen Innes NSW 2370

T: 02 6730 1900

F: 02 6730 1999

Inverell District Office

NSW Government Offices, 127 Otho Street, PO Box 1196, Inverell NSW 2360

T: 02 6722 1388

F: 02 6722 4733

Tamworth Agricultural Institute

4 Marsden Park Road, CALALA NSW 2340

T: 02 6763 1100

F: 02 6763 1222

Tocal College

'Tocal', Paterson, 2421

T: 1800 025520

E: info@tocal.com

W: www.tocal.com

Fisheries division

Contact for all information regarding fisheries and aquaculture.

W: www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au

Aquaculture administration

Information on aquaculture permits.

Port Stephens Fisheries Centre, Taylors Beach Rd, Taylors Beach, 2316

T: 02 4982 1232

Aquaculture Extension Officer

Contact for aquaculture information.

Grafton Aquaculture Centre, Grafton, 2460

T: 02 6640 1692

E: readp@fisheries.nsw.gov.au

Forests NSW division

Locked Bag 23, Pennant Hills, 2120

T: 02 9980 4100

Hardwood Joint Venture Hotline: 02 6643 0400

Softwood Joint Venture Hotline: 02 6043 1007

E: Cumberland@sf.nsw.gov.au

W: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests

Glen Innes Forests NSW

Glen Innes Depot 134-136 Meade Street, PO Box 426, Glen Innes NSW 2370

T: 02 6732 3277

F: 02 6732 2558

Inverell Forests NSW

Inverell Forest Centre & Nursery
Warialda Rd, PO Box 448, Inverell NSW 2360

T: 02 6722 4200

F: 02 6722 5428

Walcha Forests NSW

19E Hill St, PO Box 71, Walcha NSW 2354

T: 02 6777 4100

F: 02 6777 2179

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Private Forestry NSW

Tamworth Agricultural Institute, 4 Marsden Park Road,
CALALA NSW 2340
T: 02 6763 1100

Coordinator: Brendan George
Email: brendan.george@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Qld (DPIF)

Queensland's Department of Primary Industries is more tropically orientated, but has a large amount of information that is relevant to the Northern Tablelands.

GPO Box 46, Brisbane, Qld, 4001

T: 07 3404 6999
W: www.dpi.qld.gov.au

Applethorpe Research Station

For stone fruit, grape, apple and pear research.
Roessler Avenue, PO Box 501, Applethorpe QLD 4378

Department of Water and Energy NSW (DWE)

Farm dams, licensing, irrigation, water sharing plans, river bank works.

Head Office

227 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (near Town Hall)
GPO Box 3889, Sydney NSW 2001
T: 02 8281 7777
F: 02 8281 7799
E: information@dwe.nsw.gov.au

Energy Information Line: 1300 136 888
Renewable Remote Power Generation Program: 1300 137 880
Water legislation non-compliance reporting: 1800 633 362
Water licensing enquiries and searches: 1800 353 104
Algal Information Line: 1800 999 457

Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

Became part of DECC in 2007, with many of the functions taken into the Environmental Protection and Regulation Division.

Environment Protection and Regulation

Responsible for administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Contact for information on the regulations regarding pesticide usage (Pesticides Act 1999) and air, water, land or noise pollution.

Armidale Region

Government Office Block, 85, Faulkner Street, Armidale 2350.

T: 02 6773 7000
F: 02 67722336

Sydney Office

59 Goulburn St, Sydney, 2000

Information line 131 555
E: info@environment.nsw.gov.au
W: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Environmental Defender's Office NSW (EDO)

A not-for-profit community legal service specialising in public interest law, assisting individuals and community groups working to protect the natural and built environment. Provides easy to read fact sheets and other publications on environmental law.

Level 9, 89 York St, Sydney, 2000

T: 1800 626 239
E: edonsw@edo.org.au
W: www.edo.org.au/edonsw

Free Range Egg & Poultry Association

A producer group.

Secretary, 756 Labertouche North Road, Labertouche VIC 3816

E: frepaust@sympac.com.au

Growsearch Australia

Growsearch is an information database of over 28,000 articles for producers of ornamental, horticultural and nursery crops. Searches are free, but photocopying is not. Articles are cheaper if you become a member.

PO Box 327, Cleveland, Qld, 4163

T: 07 3821 3784
E: growsearch@dpi.qld.gov.au
W: www.dpi.qld.gov.au/growsearch

Horticulture Australia

A national research, development and marketing organization for the horticulture industry. Includes reports, news and events.

Level 1, 50 Carrington St, Sydney, 2000

T: 02 8295 2300
E: via
www.horticulture.com.au/contactus/contactus.asp
W: www.horticulture.com.au

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Land & Water Australia (LWA)

Provides a wide range of information about land, water and vegetation management (fact sheets, guidelines, manuals). This organisation will cease to exist after 30th June 2009.

GPO Box 2182, Canberra, ACT, 2601

T: 02 6263 6000

E: public@lwa.gov.au

W: www.lwa.gov.au

Land Boards

Community-based tribunals that deal with local disputes, complaints, appeals and inquiries dividing fences, road closures, crown land (permits, rents and leases) and appeals against LHAs regarding carrying capacity decisions.

Armidale 02 6772 5488

Landcare

A nationwide program for the purpose of promoting, fostering and facilitating community involvement in sustainable natural resource management.

W: www.landcare.nsw.gov.au

Contact the following Landcare Networks in our region:

Glen Innes Resource Advisory Committee Inc. (GLENRAC)

68 Church St, PO Box 660, Glen Innes 2370

T: 02 6732 3443

E: glenrac@glenrac.org.au

W: www.glenrac.org.au

Granite Borders Landcare Committee Incorporated (GBLC)

Martin Street, PO Box 400, Tenterfield 2372.

T: 02 6736 3500

E: landcare@halenet.com.au

W: www.graniteborderslandcare.com.au

GWYMAC Inc.

PO Box 18, Inverell 2360

T: 02 6721 1241

E: gwymacad@bigpond.net.au

W: www.gwymaclandcare.com.au

Liverpool Plains Land Management Committee Inc. (LPLMC)

PO Box 546, Gunnedah 2380

T: 02 6741 8332

E: David.Walker@lplmc.com.au

Southern New England Landcare Ltd & Southern New England Landcare Coordinating Committee Inc. (SNELCC)

129 Rusden Street, PO Box 75A, Armidale 2350

T: 02 6772 9123

E: mail@snelcc.org.au

W: www.snelandcare.org.au

Tamworth Manilla Landcare Committee Inc. (TMLA)

c/- 'Wungum', Duri NSW 2344

T: 0407 658097

E: david.ware@spcorp.com

Upper Gwydir Landcare Association Inc. (UGLA)

Maitland Street, PO Box 108, Bingara 2404

T: 0427 291073

E: cs@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

W: www.uppergwydirlandcare.com

Legislation Online

Lists all government legislation.

NSW W: www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

Commonwealth W: www.comlaw.gov.au

Livestock Health & Pest Authority

Responsible for the administration and management of stock identification (NLIS), stock movement, travelling stock reserves, livestock disease control, pest animal/insect control and natural disaster relief.

W: www.lhpa.org.au

Glen Innes (main district office)

1 Greenaway Street, (PO Box 108), Glen Innes NSW 2370

T: 02 6732 1200

F: 02 6732 1420

Armidale

126-130 Taylor Street, (PO Box 110), Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6772 2366

F: 02 6772 7274

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Local Government

Contact about rates, roads, bridges, waste, community services, water and sewage services, flood mitigation, noxious weeds, tree clearing, acid sulphate soils and all development applications

Armidale Dumaresq Council

PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350
135 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6770 3600
F: 02 6772 9275

E: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au
W: www.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Glen Innes Severn Council

PO Box 61, GLEN INNES NSW 2370
265 Grey Street, Glen Innes NSW 2370

T: 02 6730 2300
F: 02 6732 3764

E: council@gisc.nsw.gov.au
W: www.gisc.nsw.gov.au

Guyra Shire Council

PO Box 207, Guyra NSW 2365
Bradley Street, Guyra NSW 2365

T: 02 6779 1577
F: 02 6779 1221

E: council@guyra.nsw.gov.au
W: www.guyra.nsw.gov.au

Gwydir Shire Council

Locked Bag 5, Bingara NSW 2404
33 Maitland Street, Bingara NSW 2404

T: 02 6724 2000
F: 02 6724 1771

E: mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au
W: <http://gwydir.local-e.nsw.gov.au/>

Inverell Shire Council

PO Box 138, Inverell NSW 2360
144 Otho Street, Inverell NSW 2360

T: 02 6728 8288
F: 02 6728 8277
DX: 6159 Inverell

E: council@inverell.nsw.gov.au
W: www.inverell-online.com.au

Tamworth Regional Council

PO Box 555, Tamworth NSW 2340
Ray Walsh House, 437 Peel Street, Tamworth NSW 2340

T: 02 6767 5555
F: 02 6767 5499
DX: 6125 Tamworth

E: trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au
W: www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au

Tenterfield Shire Council

PO Box 214, Tenterfield NSW 2372
247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield NSW 2372

T: 02 6736 6000
F: 02 6736 6005

E: council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au
W: www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

Uralla Shire Council

PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358
Salisbury Street, Uralla NSW 2358

T: 02 6778 4606
F: 02 6778 5073

E: council@uralla.nsw.gov.au
W: www.uralla.local-e.nsw.gov.au

Walcha Council

PO Box 2, Walcha NSW 2354
2 Hamilton Street, Walcha NSW 2354

T: 02 6774 2500
F: 02 6777 1181

E: council@walcha.nsw.gov.au
W: www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA)

Producer-owned company that provides services such as marketing, research and development, market intelligence and tips and tools for a wide range of farm management issues.

Locked Bag 991, North Sydney, 2059

T: 1800 023 100
W: www.mla.com.au

Northern Inland Regional Development Board

The board's role is to advance the economic development of the region.

Suite 6, Level 1, 175 Rusden Street, PO Box 1138, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 6771 3284
F: 02 6771 3286
E: nirdb@nsw.chariot.net.au
W: www.nio.com.au

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National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)

A section of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) identified as the Parks and Wildlife group.

NPWS is responsible for maintaining the parks and reserve system and conserving natural and cultural heritage in NSW. Contact for information on native plants, animals and habitats; their identification, management, regulations and licensing requirements. They also offer a number of incentive schemes for landholders interested in nature conservation.

T: 1300 361 967

E: info@environment.nsw.gov.au

W: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Northern Tablelands Regional Office

85 Faulkner Street Armidale

T: 02 6776 0000

Armidale District Office

145 Miller Street
Phone 6738 9100

Glen Innes District Office

68 Church Street

T: 6739 0700

Walcha District Office

188 W North Street

T: 6777 4700

Tenterfield District Office

Tenterfield NSW 2372

T: 02 67364298 F: 02 67364301

National Aquaculture Council

Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 59, Deakin West ACT 2600

M: 0411 146 396

E: nac@aquaculture.org.au

Native Flower Growers' Association Inc (NFGA)

The NFGA are a producer group based on the Mid North Coast that grows native flowers commercially. Contact them to network with other growers and access technical and cultural information.

23 Plover Lane, Kempsey, 2440

T: 02 6567 4266

E: nfga@australiannativeflowers.com.au

W: www.australiannativeflowers.com.au

New England Weeds Authority

129 Rusden St, Armidale 2350

T: 02 67703602 (Armidale)

T: 0439 711701 (Guyra)

T: 0427 711729 (Walcha)

F: 02 67711893

E: newa@newa.nsw.gov.au

Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA)

NRCMA is responsible for developing a catchment action plan, and providing education, training and funding in natural resource management.

E: northern@cma.nsw.gov.au

W: www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au

Coffs Harbour Office

AMP Centre, 24 Gordon St, Coffs Harbour, 2450

T: 02 6653 0150

Kempsey Office

41 Belgrave St, Kempsey, 2440

T: 02 65614960

Armidale Office

129 Rusden Street

T: 02 6771 3450

NSW Farmers Association

A voluntary industry body representing the farming community. Contact for information on farmer education and training, matters affecting rural industries, industrial relations, rural issues and local agricultural events.

T: 02 8251 1700

E: Emailus@nswfarmers.org.au

W: www.nswfarmers.org.au

New England

Gennie Gittoes, Regional Service Manager

T: 02 6766 9949

F: 02 67669929

E: gittoesg@nswfarmers.org.au

Organic Federation of Australia

Peak body for the organic industry in Australia.

T: 02 9299 8016

E: info@ofa.org.au

W: www.ofa.org.au

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Organic Growers of Australia

A national organic body providing certification for farmers and processors.

T: (07) 3350 5706 or (07) 3350 5716

E: oga@bfa.com.au

W: <http://www.organicgrowers.org.au/>

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)

An animal welfare organization, which can be contacted for information on animal welfare and to report cases of animal cruelty.

W: www.rspcansw.org.au

T: (0412) 217364 **Armidale** Branch

T: 02 6732 2546 **Glen Innes** Branch

T: 02 6723 2344 or (0419) 408041 **Inverell** Branch

T: 02 6736 2520 **Tenterfield** Branch

Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) NSW

Responsible for administering assistance measures to rural producers and small businesses on behalf of the Commonwealth and State Governments.

Locked Bag 23, Orange, NSW 2800

T: 1800 678 593

E: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

W: www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Rural Financial Counselling Service

Northern Region

Provides free and independent financial advice for farm families, fishers and small rural businesses in financial difficulty. Includes assistance with identifying financial options and negotiating with lenders, information about government assistance schemes and referrals to professional services.

W: <http://www.rfcsnsw-northernregion.org/>

2/132 Otho Street, **Inverell** NSW 2360

T: 02 67210030

F: 02 67210960

Chiswick, via **Armidale** NSW 2350

T: 02 67784784

F: 02 67784101

Rural Fire Service (RFS)

- Responsible for fire suppression and prevention in rural NSW. Contact for all information about fires management, emergencies and training in fire fighting.

T: 1800 NSW RFS or 1800 679 737

W: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

For fire reporting T: 000

New England Office

10 Mann Street, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 02 67712400

Northern Tablelands Team

T: 02 67210446 Inverell

T: 02 67327046 Glen Innes Severn

T: 02 67364150 Tenterfield

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)

A government organization that is responsible for funding research on, and helping develop, rural industries. They supply a range of reports, newsletters and other publications on new and established rural industries.

Level 1, AMA House, 42 Macquarie St, Barton, ACT, 2600

T: 02 6272 4819

E: rirdc@rirdc.gov.au

W: www.rirdc.gov.au

State Emergency Service (SES)

A volunteer emergency and rescue service that is the lead response agency for floods and storms across NSW. Contact when requiring assistance for storms and floods and about preparing for them.

For emergencies T: 132 500

For volunteering and safety information T: 1800 201 000

E: via www.ses.nsw.gov.au/contacts.htm

W: www.ses.nsw.gov.au

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TAFE NSW

Provides training in computing, accounting, agriculture, aquaculture, environmental studies, horticulture, horse management and other areas.

W: www.tafensw.edu.au

T: 131 601 for course information

New England Institute

W: www.newengland.tafensw.edu.au

Armidale Campus

Beardy Street, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 6773 7700

F: 6772 8792

Glen Innes Campus

Grey Street, Glen Innes NSW 2370

T: 6739 0500

F: 6739 0581

Inverell Campus

Evans Street, Inverell NSW 2360

T: 6721 9000

F: 6721 9011

Tamworth Campus

Janison Street, Tamworth NSW 2340

T: 6768 2200

F: 6768 2206

Tenterfield Campus

High Street, Tenterfield NSW 2372

T: 6736 0000

F: 6736 0010

University of New England

UNE has staff and students who may assist with or provide consulting and research opportunities. The university also has an extensive library.

W: www.une.edu.au

United Campus Bookshop

Madgwick Building, University of New England, Armidale, 2351

T: 02 6772 3468

E: armidale@ucb.net.au

W: www.ucb.net.au

Wetland Care Australia

A not-for-profit organisation that aims to improve the value of wetland environments. Contact for information on: wetlands and their management; technical advice; guidance on on-ground works; and funding assistance.

PO Box 114, Ballina, 2478

T: 02 6681 6069

E: ballina@wetlandcare.com.au

W: www.wetlandcare.com.au

Wildlife Carers Group

Wildlife Carers are a network of trained volunteers licensed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Who rescue rehabilitate and release injured, sick orphaned and unwanted native fauna.

Northern Tablelands Branch

T: 1800 008290

Wildlife Carers Northern Tablelands

PO Box 55, Armidale NSW 2350

T: 6775 3767

E: turton37@bigpond.com

W: www.ntwc.org.au

Wildlife Information and Rescue Service (WIRES)

A volunteer group that rescues and rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife.

W: www.wires.org.au

New England

33 John Street, Uralla NSW 2358

T: 02 6778 4994

Central Northern Tablelands

T: 1300 131 554

WorkCover NSW

A statutory body, whose purpose is to achieve safe work places (including farms). Contact for information about how to manage safety risks, OH&S training and legal obligations as an employer.

T: 131 050

W: www.workcover.nsw.gov.au

Tamworth Office

126 Marius Street, Tamworth NSW 2340

T: 02 67672500

F: 02 67664972