Queensland Drought Management Framework 2019—2024

The Queensland Government is developing a new Drought Management Framework 2019—2024 to help increase resilience to climate risks to help producers prepare for manage and recover from drought. We will deliver this by working with all levels of government, industry and primary producers. This framework sets a clear direction for working towards a productive and profitable agriculture sector in a variable climate.

Currently: drought declarations process (1962–2020)

How we assess drought declarations

How we are delivering the drought management framework

Future: drought severity index 2021 --->

Drought preparedness

- Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme
- Farm management grants
- Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care
- Royal Flying Doctor Drought Wellbeing Service

Drought response

- Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate*
- Drought Relief from Electricity Charges Scheme
- Land rent subsidies
- Transport related assistance
- Rural Financial Counselling Service (drought supplement)
- Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care (drought supplement)
- Community drought assistance

- DRAS transport subsidies transition
- Climate Risk Coordinator and/or Drought Commissioners
- Farm Debt Mediation
- Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care
- Royal Flying Doctor Drought Wellbeing Service
- Farm Debt Restructure Office

Drought recovery

- Farm management grants
- Farm debt mediation
- Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care
- Royal Flying Doctor Drought Wellbeing Service
- Rural Financial Counselling Service
- Farm Debt Restructure Office

Agriculture and food research, development and extension

- Improved farm practices
- Innovative technologies
- Improved genetics and new varieties
- Water and energy efficiency

Individual business risk management plan

Drought and Climate Adaptation Climate Program

- Improved weather forecasting and data
- Accessible climate information to make better short and medium-term management decisions
- Improved insurance systems and tools

