



## Farm Business Resilience Program's 2022-2023 Business Coaching are now open.

After a highly successful pilot program, applications for the Farm Business Resilience Program's 2022-2023 Business Coaching are now open. Designed for enterprises large and small, this program is ideal for farmers, farm managers, and their employees, who are looking to upskill and learn about risk management, how to adapt to a changing climate, and improve the economic, environmental, and social resilience of their business. Business coaching will give you the knowledge and tools needed to get the most out of your farming business, help improve your financial skills, and offer new skills and techniques to build resilience, make business decisions, and manage farm risk.

Want to know more? Hear from farmers who participated in this program: <https://bit.ly/FBRP-case-studies>  
Applications close on August 15th, 2022. Visit <https://bit.ly/FBRP-home> to read more and apply.



## Cattle Council reassures producers following "good start" to FMD response

### Recognise the signs of Foot and Mouth Disease



Blisters, lesions or sore feet



Lameness



Blisters on mouth



Drooling



[dpi.nsw.gov.au/fmd](https://dpi.nsw.gov.au/fmd)



Images courtesy of the DEFRA, United Kingdom (defra.gov.uk), WA DPIRD (agric.wa.gov.au) and MPI, New Zealand (mpi.govt.nz)

THE Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) has reassured cattle producers that significant steps are being taken to protect the industry after the detection of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Bali.

CCA president, Lloyd Hick, said Australian beef cattle producers were right to be concerned by the threat.

"This disease would gut our industry and can easily travel back to Australia on clothing," Hick said.

"Cattle Council expects the biosecurity response to increase whenever there is an increased threat.

Biosecurity resources must be used in the best way possible, to maximise protection to our industry.

"The steps Minister Watt has announced to protect the livestock industry so far are a good start. CCA is closely engaged with the Federal Government regarding increased biosecurity safeguards. The Government has committed to select returning flights at random and screening everyone onboard. For more information visit <https://www.farmingahead.com.au/beef/news/1435649/cattle-council-reassures-producers-following-%E2%80%9Cgood-start%E2%80%9D-to-fmd-response>

Gudair® is Australia's only vaccine for the control of ovine Johne's disease (OJD).

It contains inactivated (killed) Mycobacterium paratuberculosis strain 316F and when combined with the adjuvant offers protection against the development of clinical OJD and a reduction in faecal shedding of the organism in sheep.



**Key Benefits:**

A single 1 mL dose provides protection for life.

**Following whole flock vaccination, producers should see:**

- Significant decrease in the number of clinically affected animals over time
- Decrease in the number of mortalities associated with OJD
- Gradual decrease in the prevalence of infection within the flock
- Notable decrease in faecal M.paratuberculosis shedding.

Inactivated (killed) vaccine and will not introduce the disease into the flock.

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**GRASS TETANY IN CATTLE**

Grass tetany remains one of the leading causes of death for adult beef cows in South-eastern Australia. It mostly occurs from late autumn through winter in lactating cows. Grass tetany occurs when there is not enough magnesium in the blood. Adequate magnesium levels are required for proper brain and nerve function.

The magnesium status of cows depends mainly on the balance between the amount of magnesium absorbed from the rumen and that lost in the milk. Any excess magnesium absorbed is excreted in the urine. Grass tetany results when the output of magnesium exceeds the input. Magnesium intake depends on the level of magnesium in the feed and the amount of feed consumed.

Generally, young grass and lush cereals have lower magnesium levels than older grass and cereal crops. Grasses and cereal crops have lower magnesium levels than legumes eg clovers and lucerne.

Animals with grass tetany become nervous and excitable. They may show muscular twitching, walk with a high goose-step or a staggering gait, bellow, go down, paddle and die. Because of the short duration of clinical signs, affected animals are frequently found dead.

Cows may become aggressive and so measures to avoid personal injury should be taken if the condition is suspected. Magnesium deficiency alters calcium metabolism and thereby increases the risk of "milk fever" in recently calved cows at pasture. The diagnosis of hypomagnesaemia can be confirmed by post mortem in most cases.

Beef Master Tetany Block's are a magnesium supplement that can aid in the prevention of grass tetany in cattle.



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