

Given the ongoing instances of severe drought across regional and rural NSW, many primary producers of dairy are facing extremely harsh conditions and are being forced into making some very tough farm management decisions.

Dairy Connect wishes to share the below resources with our farming members and the broader dairy farming community; the following tools can be useful in tackling the farm management side of drought recovery.



- [‘Managing Drought’](#) - This document breaks down the management of drought into planning, feeding and whole farm management and provides checklists and practical tools under each.

- [Rural Financial Counselling Service](#) - A free and confidential service which provides information and assistance on financial position, budgets and submitting applications.

- [Livestock Transport Costs Calculator](#)

- [Dairy Australia ‘Dry Conditions’ resources webpage](#)

- [Drought Feed Calculator App](#) [for iPhone](#) and [for Android](#)



Additionally, below are a listed number of grants and low-cost subsidies which affected producers will likely be eligible for.

- [Aus. Government Drought Concessional Loans \(NSW\)](#) - for debt restructuring, operating expenses and drought recovery and preparedness activities.
- [Farm Management Deposits](#) - assists producers build up cash reserves to manage financial risk and address business costs.
- [Animal Welfare Subsidy \(NSW\)](#) - for those affected farms who now face significant animal welfare risks due to ongoing drought conditions.
- [Donated Fodder Transport \(NSW\)](#) - for the cost of transporting donated fodder from within NSW, to drought affected properties.

The most important thing during these difficult times remains the health and wellbeing of our farming communities and their families. Dairy Connect urges any producers struggling mentally with the strains of drought to simply drop a line and have a quick yarn with any of the below support services.



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