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## AgForce pays tribute to Peter Kenny

AgForce is saddened to report of the passing over the weekend of one of the organisation's most respected former presidents, Peter Kenny.

As part of a long and active involvement in Queensland agriculture, Peter served as AgForce president from 2004-2008; as AgForce Cattle president from 2001-2004, and on the AgForce State and Executive Council from 1999.

Central Queensland-born and bred, Peter was one part of the visionary team that pushed for the amalgamation of the Cattlemen's Union, the United Graziers Association and the Queensland Graingrowers Association to form AgForce. He also served as a board member of the National Farmers Federation.

Prior to agri-politics, Peter began his professional life as a teacher at Croydon and Normanton in the Gulf of Carpentaria, and also managed a diverse range of properties in the cattle, dairying and horticulture industries.

At AgForce, Peter is best remembered as a leader who took a 'big picture' approach to agricultural lobbying that focused on communication and collaboration rather than confrontation - a path not always easy to tread in an industry more used to tough talking.

Under his presidency AgForce signed the ground-breaking "Blueprint for the Bush" agreement with Queensland Labor premier Peter Beattie, and launched the highly successful Every Family Needs a Farmer media campaign.

Peter's vision and dedication will be sorely missed by Queensland farming and our thoughts are today with his wife Hilary, children Liam, James, Sarah and Damien, and his 11 grandchildren.

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**Who is AgForce?** AgForce represents thousands of Queensland broadacre producers who recognise the value in having a strong voice. AgForce leads the way to ensure agriculture's social, economic and environmental contribution is recognised by all levels of government. AgForce works alongside landholders, encourages and supports the next generation, builds industry partnerships and skills and promotes agriculture - for secure, sustainable, progressive and profitable food and fibre into the future.