



Category C funding extended in the south west

Peak farm group AgForce has welcomed the extension of Category C funding to assist flood-impacted producers in south west Queensland.

AgForce president Brent Finlay said AgForce urges eligible producers to apply for the \$25,000 grants designed to assist with cleanup costs following flooding in the south west in March 2010.

“Category C funding has been extended for the final time to 30 June so we encourage producers to act quickly.

“This extension will help those who have found it difficult to obtain contractors to conduct essential infrastructure repairs following the flooding in south west Queensland in March 2010,” Mr Finlay said.

Mr Finlay said since the March 2010 flooding and in recent months Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies Tim Mulherin and his department has been responsive to industry requests and he has kept in close contact with AgForce to understand the needs of producers.

“Minister Mulherin recognised many producers have not been able to access impacted areas on their property due to wet weather, or obtain the relevant tradespeople or supplies to make repairs and he responded by announcing this extension – we thank him for his efforts,” Mr Finlay said.

Category C funding will help primary producers with cleanup, removal of debris, disposal of dead livestock and other repairs, and will include costs incurred by primary producers for urgent fodder drops for stranded livestock.

Concessional interest rate loans of up to \$250,000 for small business operators and primary producers, as well as freight subsidies of up to \$5,000, are also available.

For more information on available assistance, contact the Australian Government's Emergency Assistance Hotline on 1800 2266 or the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority 1800 623 946 or www.qraa.qld.gov.au

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