



Producer Notice

What support is available for producers in crisis?

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Information

Due to the current industry crisis, it is important to remind producers that there is assistance available, both financial and mental health, for yourselves, your families and your businesses.

APL is conscious of the effects that the decrease in prices is having on producers and we are increasingly hearing stories of producers making the tough decision to exit the industry, with repercussions for businesses and families who love producing pigs.

There are a range of Federal and State government programs available to help rural businesses and farmers in financial hardship. These include benefit payments through the Federal Government’s Farm Household Allowance (family support), to concessional loans delivered through State Governments which can be used to refinance existing debt, at a lower interest rate (business support).

If you or someone you know needs mental health support contact **Beyond Blue** on 1300 22 4636 or **Lifeline** 13 11 14.

For men looking for community support and development, the Australian Men’s Shed Association supports almost 1000 **Men’s Sheds**, with the website providing a wealth of information and resources such as:

- Men’s health, including the men’s health screening program, Spanner in the Works program
- Resources, which are available to members only,
- And you can find your local Men’s Shed.

The website can be accessed at <https://mensshed.org/>.

For financial assistance, there are several schemes available for producers:

Federal

Centrelink – Farm Household Allowance
<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/service/s/centrelink/farm-household-allowance>
<https://my.gov.au>

NSW

NSW Rural Adjustment Authority (NSW RAA)
<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/>
Ph. 1800 678 593
Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

Rural Financial Counselling Service
<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/nsw>

WA

Rural Business Development Corporation (RBDC)
<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/rural-business-development-corporation-rbdc>
rbdu@agric.wa.gov.au
Ph. 1800 198 231

Rural Financial Counselling Service
<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/wa>

<p>QLD</p> <p>Qld Rural and Industry Development Authority http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au Ph. 1800 623 946</p> <p>Rural Financial Counselling Service http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/qld</p> <p>SA</p> <p>Rural Financial Counselling Service http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/sa-nt Ph: 1800 836 211 (wellbeing services also available)</p> <p>Rural Business Support http://www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/</p> <p>Primary Industries and Regions South Australia http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/home</p>	<p>TAS</p> <p>State Growth www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au Phone: 1800 030 688 Email: info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</p> <p>Rural Financial Counselling Service http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/tas</p> <p>VIC</p> <p>Rural Finance https://www.ruralfinance.com.au/ Ph. 1800 260 425 customerhelp@ruralfinance.com.au</p> <p>Rural Financial Counselling Service http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/vic</p>	
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