



NORTHERN AUSTRALIA FOOD FUTURES CONFERENCE 2023

Monday 22 May – 2023 Food Futures Welcome Reception at Parliament House	
5.30pm - 7.00pm	Hosted by The Hon Paul Kirby MLA, Minister for Agribusiness and Fisheries, Northern Territory Government
Tuesday 23 May Conference Day 1 - Darwin Convention Centre (Hall 1)	
7.00am	Registrations Open Tea and coffee available on arrival sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions
7.30am	Exhibition Open – Hall 1
8.15am	Official Opening - Master of Ceremonies Nicole Bond, Bond Media
	Welcome to Country by Bilawarra Lee, Larrakia Elder
	Conference Welcome by the Hon. Paul Kirby, Minister for Agribusiness and Fisheries, Northern Territory Government
	Cathy McGowan AO, Chairperson, AgriFutures
	Setting The Scene - Simon Smith, President, NT Farmers Association
	Northern Myths – Sponsored by AgriFutures Master of Ceremonies Nicole Bond, Bond Media
	Trade & Agricultural Commodities - Lessons From The Past & Where To From Here? Jeffery Schrale, Regional Executive Far North QLD, ANZ
	Foreign Investment - Haydn Sale, General Manager, Yougawalla Pastoral Company
	Agriculture Workforce - Candy MacLaughlin, General Manager, Skybury
	The Western, Liberal, Rules-Based World Order that Australia's Agriculture Sector Has Thrived Under Will Still Be The Dominant Global System Of Trade By 2030 - Andrew Henderson, Founder, AgSecure
	Connectivity - Will Harrington, CEO, Wi-Sky
11.00am	Morning Tea – Sponsored by Singleton Farm Exhibition Open
	Rain, Hail, or Shine – Making The Most Out Of The Water Resource
	Micro-Irrigation Solutions For Broadacre Crops - Shahar Dayan, Head of Crops Team, Agronomy Unit, Israel Netafim
	Why Water Efficiency Is Important - Adam Kay, Chief Executive Officer, Cotton Australia
	Panel Discussion - Water Across The North; Policies, Challenges & Future Projections Senator Susan McDonald, Senator for QLD, Parliament of Australia Shane McCarthy, Vice President & AgForce North President, AgForce Amy Dysart, Executive Director, Water Resources Division, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security
1.00pm	Speaker Program Day 1 concludes
1.10pm	Bus pick up from Convention Centre to Darwin Turf Club for the AgriFutures AgTech Showcase. Lunch on arrival at 1.30pm

2.00pm	AgriFutures AgTech Showcase - Darwin Turf Club, Fannie Bay
5.00pm	Merricks Capital Australia Industry Night
7.30pm	Day 1: Event Concludes



24 th May 2023 Conference Day 2 - Darwin Convention Centre (Hall 1)	
7.30am	Registrations Open Tea and coffee available on arrival sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions
8.00am	Exhibition Open
8.30am	Northern Opportunities Sponsored by CRCNA Master of Ceremonies Nicole Bond, Bond Media
	Regenerative Agriculture & Carbon Opportunities - Khory Hancock, Managing Director & Environmental Scientist, Climate Revive
	Carbon Neutral Farming - Prof. Richard Eckard, Director, Primary Industries Climate Challenges Centre Agriculture and Food Systems, The University of Melbourne
	Syntropic Agroforestry Systems - Thiago Gimenez Barbosa, Director, Syntropic Solutions
	Investing in the North - Ed Peter, Co-founder & Chairman of Duxton Farms
	Value Adding - Lara Wilde, CEO, FNQ Food Incubator
	Hon. Jackie Jarvis, Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; Small business, Western Australian Government
11.00am Morning Tea and Exhibition	
11.30am Concurrent Sessions Commence (4 sessions)	



CONCURRENT STREAM 1	CONCURRENT STREAM 2	CONCURRENT STREAM 3	CONCURRENT STREAM 4
Hall 1, Ground Floor	Waterfront Room 1	Waterfront Room 2	Waterfront Room 3
Cotton on Cattle Country (Cotton, Grain and the Pastoral Industry) Facilitator: Andrew Baylis, Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade, Northern Territory Government	A Juggling Act (Supply Chains/Export/Logistics) Facilitator: Jed Matz, CEO Northern Hub	The Potential of Northern Produce Session Sponsor - Hort Innovation Facilitator: Ian Baker	Powerful Partnerships (Indigenous & International Collaboration Opportunities) Facilitator: Nicole Bond
Outlook for Cotton: Navigating Economic Headwinds, Geopolitical Uncertainties, & Sustainability - Stefan Vogel, General Manager, RaboResearch Australia & New Zealand	Supply Chains For Shelf Stable Food Manufacturing in Northern Australia - Northern Australia Food Technology Innovation Project Dr Warren Hunt, Charles Darwin University	AUSVEG Update	Tropical Rock Oyster Farming in The Northern Territory - Samantha Nowland, Senior Aquaculture Scientist Darwin Aquaculture Centre, Fisheries Division, Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade
Regional Agribusiness Development - Nicole Paas, Manager Agribusiness Projects, Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade, Northern Territory Government		Demonstrating Next-Generation Resilient Orchard Production Systems for Tropical Crops - Yan Diczbalis, Principal Horticulturist, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Pat Torres, Mayi Harvests
Assessment of Value Add Opportunities Across the NT Agribusiness Sector		Mango Research - Dr. Upendra Shekhawat, Horticulture Group Leader, Plant Industries, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	Technology, Gender & Water Access: Insights Into Farmers' Preferences For Irrigation Pumps In West Bengal, India - Sophie Lountain, PhD Candidate, University of South Australia
Duxton Farms - Ed Peters, Co-founder & Chairman of Duxton Farms	Fast Tracking NT Calypso Mangoes into Korea - Niceforo Farms	Market Opportunity Analysis for Northern Australian Produced Shelf-stable Foods - Dr Warren Hunt, Charles Darwin University	Aus-India Exchange Program - Kamaljit K Sangha, Research Institute for the Environment & Livelihoods, Charles Darwin University
Cotton North Versus South Andrew Parks, Managing Director, Customised Farm Management	Wyndham Port - Cambridge Gulf Limited	Boil The Billy Q & A	Boil The Billy Q & A
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1.00pm Lunch sponsored by Pioneer Seeds (Ground Floor) and Exhibition			
Cotton on Cattle Country – The Nitty Gritty (Cotton, Grain and the pastoral industry) Facilitator: Bruce Connolly, Tipperary Station	Looking For A Tree Change (Opportunities for Northern Forestry) Facilitator: Frank Miller	Northern Produce with a capital H Session Sponsor - Hort Innovation Facilitator: Mariah Vaughan Vegetable Industry Development Officer, NT Farmers	To infinity and beyond (Innovation) Session Sponsor: Bayer Facilitator: Nicole Bond
Cotton Cattle Grain CRCNA Project - Susan Maas, R & D Manager, Cotton Research & Development Corporation	Opportunities in Northern Australia For The Bioeconomy - Bob Gordon, Forestry Australia	Brett Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Mango Industry Association Ltd	Heat Mitigation In Orchards - Shahr Dayan, Israel Netafim
Opportunities & Realities Western Australia - Haydn Sale, General Manager, Yougawalla Pastoral Company	Silvopastoral Opportunities - Mick Stephens, Timber Queensland	Johnathon Davey, Executive Officer, Melons Australia	Spatially Enabling The Horticulture Industry In Australia - Craig Shephard Senior Researcher (BSc) Applied Agricultural Remote Sensing Centre (AARSC), University of New England
Markets, Outlooks & Global Positions - Cambel Ball, Managing Director, Informative Marketing of Agricultural Commodities (IMAC)	Synergies Between Profitability and Productivity - Thiago Gimenez Barbosa, Director, Syntropic Solutions	Karen George, Manager, Resilience, Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers	Using Robots in Commercial Farming Operations - Andrew Bate, SwarmFarm Robotics
Burdekin Irrigation Project - Terry Granshaw, District Manager, Sugar Research Australia	Tiwi Islands Opportunities Driven By Forestry - Gibson Farmer & Kim Puruntatameri, Tiwi Plantations Corporations	An Integrated Assessment Of The Horticulture Sector In Northern Australia To Inform Future Development - Kamaljit K Sangha, Charles Darwin University	Horticulture Research & Development: Addressing Today's Challenges With Innovation - Mila Bristow, General Manager, Trade & Biosecurity R&D, Hort Innovation
Boil The Billy Q & A	Boil The Billy Q & A	Boil The Billy Q & A	Boil the Billy Q & A
3.30pm Afternoon tea sponsored by NAASA organic (Ground Floor) and Exhibition			

Dirt Rich (Soil) Facilitator: Bron Christensen, Executive Director, The Leucaena Network	Cracking the Code (Value Of Data) Facilitator: Simone Cameron, Director of Regions & Projects, NT Farmers	Is the "Weatherman" Redundant? (Climate Technologies) Facilitator: Emily Hinds, TNRM	From the bush to the boardroom (Developing Skills for the Future) Session Sponsor: Climate Revive Facilitator: Matt Brann
Opportunities For Utilising Environmental & Or Mechanical Tools To Reliably & Sustainably Execute Timely Operations On-Farm - Fritz Bolten, Chairman, ORDCO	AgTwin: Optimising Profitability & Natural Capital - Stu Adam, Agronomeye	Climate Services For Agriculture Platform (Climate) - Ashley Harkin, Customer Engagement, Climate Services for Agriculture, Business Solutions Group, Agriculture & Water Program, The Bureau of Meteorology	Cathy White Garry Edwards, Managing Director, AAM
Jason Hill, Director Land Assessment Branch, Rangelands Division, Department of Environment, Parks & Water Security	Integrating Indigenous Priorities in Spatially Enabled Planning of the Indigenous Estate - Jonah Lafferty, Project Lead, Anindilyakwa Land Council	Bureau Products & Services (Weather & Forecast) - Claire Yeo, Team Leader for Decision Support - Agriculture & Senior Meteorologist, The Bureau of Meteorology	Centrefarm/AHPL Work Experience Pathway Program (WEPP) - Worker program supporting indigenous economic developments - Joe Clarke, Centrefarm Group General Manager, WEPP Manager & Jason Muller, Alekarenge WEPP Supervisor/Mentor
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7.00pm – 1030pm Elders Rural Services Conference Dinner (Darwin Convention Centre)			





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Thursday 25 May Conference Day 3 – Darwin Convention Centre (Hall 1)

8.00am	Exhibition Open Tea and coffee available on arrival sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions
8.30am	Northern Realities Master of Ceremonies Nicole Bond, Bond Media
	Is The North Adapting To Changing Conditions - Dr Anika Molesworth, writer, agroecology scientist & farmer
	Developing Relationships Between Communities, Companies, Industries & Government - Dr Kieran Moffat, Voconiq
	Northern Australia Biosecurity - Sarah Corcoran, Plant Health Australia
	Australian Agriculture Sustainability Framework Katie McRobert, Australian Farm Institute
	Jo Townsend, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security, Northern Territory Government
	Northern Myths, Opportunities and Realities - Simon Smith, President, NT Farmers Association



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A Change Is As Good As A Holiday (Diversification & Emerging Industries) Facilitator: Dominic Calder, Diversification Industry Development Officer, NT Farmers	Looking For A Tree Change (Northern Forestry - What does the industry look like in 2033?) Facilitator: Hanna Lillicrap, NTOVH/FIANT Manager	How to become a Climate Chameleon (climate resilience) Facilitator: Dr Anika Molesworth	Putting The Grit In Integrity (Sustainable & Ethical Farming Futures) Facilitator: Matt Brann
Insect Farming; growing bugs for protein - Stirling Tavener, Managing Director, Bugs Alive	Opportunities, Myths & Realities for Northern Forestry Industry - Tim Woods, IndustryEdge	Climate Smart Agriculture - Dr. Girija Page, Plant Industries, Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade	Carolyn Hall CEO Mulloon Ins.
Northern Australia Mixed Crop-Livestock - Dr Joseph Eyre, Researcher, The University of Queensland	Perspectives On The Further Development Of Northern Forestry - Chris Weston, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne	Northern Hub - Jed Matz, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Hub	Fiona McBean – Eva Valley Meats NT
Breeding Crops For The North - Maree Crawford, Technical Lead, Elders	Boil the Billy Q & A + Dr Luba Volkova, University of Melbourne	TNQ Hub - David Phelps, Director, Tropical North Queensland Drought Resilience Adoption & Innovation Hub	The Value Of Ethics - Tahna Jackson, Owner/Operator, Stockade Farm
11.00am Morning Tea and Exhibition			
A changing landscape (Women in Ag) Facilitator: Oli Le Lievre	The First Farmers (Indigenous) Facilitator: Simon Smith, President, NT Farmers Association	Making Hay While The Sun Shines (Northern Fodder Production) Facilitator: Simone Cameron, NT Farmers	A Change Is As Good As A Holiday (Diversification & Emerging industries)
Women in Leadership - Dr Anne Walters, Chief Plant Health Officer, Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade, Northern Territory Government	Indigenous Led Development Of The Australian Native Foods Industry - Pat Torres, Mayi Harvests	Silage Quality Jordon Minniecon, Lallemand Animal Health	Insect Farming; Growing Bugs For Protein - Stirling Tavener, Managing Director, Bugs Alive
NFF Diversity in Agriculture Leadership Program/AgriFutures Rural Women's Award - Simone Cameron, Director of Regions & Projects, NT Farmers Association	Co-mapping & Worker Program Supporting Indigenous Economic Developments – Garlic Trials in Central Australia - Vin Lange, CEO, CentreFarm/Topend Farm, ALEDA & Joe	Jack Daniels NACRA	Opening The Gates To Hemp Fed Livestock In Australia - Dr Bronwyn Blake, Research Scientist

	Clarke - Centrefarm Group General Manager		Primary Industries Development, Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development
Darrylin Gordon - Manager, Lamboo Station Boil The Billy Q & A		Brendan Taylor, AgForce Grains President	Nick Stamatiou, Co-Founder & CEO, Whole Green Foods
			Food Technology and Engineering For Northern Australian Shelf-stable Food Processing - Prof Roger Stanley, University of Tasmania
Conference Wrap Up Paul Burke, CEO, NT Farmers Association	Conference Wrap Up Simon Smith, President, NT Farmers Association	Conference Wrap Up Simone Cameron, Director of Regions & Projects, NT Farmers Association	Research On Emerging Industries - Dakshina Yadav, Plant Industries Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade, Northern Territory Government
			Conference Wrap Up
1.00pm 2023 Northern Australia Food Futures Concludes			
1.15pm-4.15pm	Office of North Australia Young Farmers Lunch Admiralty House, Captain’s Quarters		
2.00pm – 6.00pm	National Farmers Federation Towards 2030 Forum Waterfront Room 3 – Darwin Convention Centre		