

Dairy & Fodder Water for Profit

June 2010

On Farm System Assessment (OFSA) Grant for dairy farmers and commercial fodder producers*

The Dairy & Fodder Water for Profit (DFWP) program has been successful in securing a new round of funding through the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Resource Management, to continue the great results achieved in previous years.

[On Farm System Assessment Grants](#) provide a subsidy of up to \$1,500 (excluding GST), plus travel, per enterprise, for the assessment of irrigation and/or effluent management systems by a suitably qualified professional.

On Farm System Assessments (OFSA) provide independent technical advice on how to improve existing irrigation and/or effluent management systems. Following the completion of the assessment process, producers are eligible to apply for funds under the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) to carry out on-farm works, as recommended by the On-Farm System Assessment.

The following service providers have been approved by the Dairy and Fodder Water for Profit program to carry out OFSA:

Approved Service Providers for DFWP OFSA

Irrigation Systems Assessments

Pat Daley
(Downs, WideBay/Burnett & SEQ)
1 Pilton Street, Greenmount
Mobile: 0428 614702

Water Biz, Justin Schultz
(Downs, WideBay/Burnett & SEQ)
PO Box 411, Toowoomba
Mobile: 0427 114 864

HydroTech Monitoring Pty Ltd, Fabian Gallo
(Far North Queensland)
HydroTech Monitoring Pty Ltd, PO Box 539, Atherton
Telephone: (07) 4091 4150 Mobile: 0419 640 362
Email: fabiangallo@bigpond.com.au
Russells' Irrigation Efficiency Service, Russell Fry
(Far North Queensland)
PS 1575, Malanda QLD 4885
Telephone: (07) 4096 8145

Water Reuse (Effluent Management Systems) Assessments

EnviroAg – Tami Mills
(Downs, WideBay/Burnett & SEQ)
Unit 4/120 Campbell St, Toowoomba
Telephone: (07) 4676 8283 Email: tami.mills@enviroag.net.au

In order to receive the OFSA grant, the service provider used must either be listed on the Dairy & Fodder Water for Profit Preferred Service Provider list OR be approved by the DFWP Steering Committee.

There is no guarantee if you arrange for an OFSA to be carried out prior to receipt of approval letter, that you will receive the subsidy.

The following travel support grants are available when the service provider travels 100 kilometres or more to carry out an OFSA.

- 100 km to 200km \$150 (GST Exc)
- 200km and more \$250 (GST Exc)

To obtain an application form for an On-Farm System Assessment grant please contact the QDO on **07 3236 2955**.

** Commercial fodder producers are defined as a fodder producer that grows and sells more than \$100,000 of fodder or utilising more than 100ML of irrigation water annually to grow fodder which is sold for animal consumption.*

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On Farm System Assessment (OFSA) Grant APPLICATION FORM

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1) Applicant's details

Date of application: _____ Name of Enquirer: _____

Trading name of farm business: _____

ABN Number: _____

Are you a primary producer as defined by the Tax Act? Yes No

Dairy License Number: _____

Fodder Producers: Do you sell more than \$100,000 of fodder or utilise more than 100 ML of irrigation water annually to grow fodder which is sold for animal consumption? Yes No

Farm Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

2) General farm details

Annual Milk Production Volume (L) _____

Annual Fodder produced per year (t) _____

Annual Rolling Cow Numbers in Milking Herd _____

3) Description of Current Irrigation System:

System	Number Operating	Description of Equipment ie. brand & length of centre pivot	Area Irrigated by System (ha)
<input type="checkbox"/> Centre Pivot			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lateral Move			
<input type="checkbox"/> Boom Spray			
<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Set			
<input type="checkbox"/> K-Line			
<input type="checkbox"/> Travelling Irrigation			

System		Number Operating	Description of Equipment ie. brand & length of centre pivot	Area Irrigated by System (ha)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other			

Total Irrigation area (ha): _____
 Total Area Irrigated in 08-09 (ha): _____

3) Description of Current Effluent System:

- 1 Pond System 2 Pond System Sump System
 Trafficable Solids Trap Stone/mesh Trap Separator Screen
 Other (please provide description) _____

Effluent Reuse/Distribution

	System	Number Operating	Description of Equipment ie. brand & length of centre pivot	Volume of Effluent Reuse per year (ML/yr)	Area Irrigated by System (ha)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Travelling Effluent Irrigator				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moveable hose				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Through centre pivot				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stationary Sprinklers				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No Current Reuse System				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____				

Describe Effluent Management practices for Feedpad:

4) Irrigation Crops & Pasture

Pasture Type	Area (ha)	Estimated Megalitres Used	Crop Type	Area (ha)	Estimated Megalitres Used

5) Which on-farm system do you wish to apply for assistance to have an On-Farm System Assessment undertaken on your farm?

- Irrigation System
 Effluent System

6) Description of Assessment Required

In the following box or on an attached sheet please provide a brief explanation of the areas of your on-farm irrigation and or effluent system you wish to have assessed and why.

ON-FARM SYSTEM ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS WITH NO EXPLANATION AS REQUESTED WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

Guideline: Describe your current system and what areas of your irrigation and or effluent management system you believe needs to be assessed to be able to make improvements in water efficiency and/or effluent management.

(Please provide details here & attach additional information if required)

7) Please indicate which of the preferred supplier you wish to engage to undertake an On-Farm System Assessment of your irrigation and/or effluent management system. (Please note if you wish to use a service provider other than those listed in the below table, you need to ensure they can deliver the required service as set out in the Service Provider Service Requirement Schedule, subject to approval from the DFWP Management Committee.)

Irrigation		Effluent Management & Reuse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Biz, Justin Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enviro Ag, Tami Mills
<input type="checkbox"/>	HydroTech Monitoring Pty Ltd, Fabian Gallo		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pat Daley		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Russells' Irrigation Efficiency Service, Russell Fry		

If other please provide details below:

Name of Service Provider: _____

ABN Number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

8) DECLARATION:

I declare that the information in this form is true and correct. I have read the on farm system assessment guidelines and understand the terms and conditions of this incentive. I give Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation the authority to provide this information to the service provider conducting my on farm system assessment provider for the purpose of conducting an OFSA.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Send application forms to: **Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation Dairy & Fodder Water for Profit, PO Box 13061, George Street, Brisbane QLD 4003.**
For further information call **QDO** on **07 3238 4213** or **07 3236 2955**