Drought conditions, managing pastures and preparing for a dry winter

The Hunter LLS region is at risk of experiencing ongoing dry conditions throughout autumn and winter. Farmers are urged to prepare for shortages in feed and reduced farm productivity.

Come along to a workshop to learn what you can do now to see your livestock, your family and yourself through these tough times.

Workshop topics:

- Pastures outlook for autumn and winter
- Taking a livestock inventory; calculating feed requirements and how much feed is in your pastures
- Feeding options and costs
- Deciding on whether to feed or sell
- Marketing options (meatworks waiting times, feeding to fatten for winter sale)
- Condition scoring and animal health
- Managing finances in challenging times
- Looking after yourself and others

Speakers:

- Ian Blackwood, former DPI Beef Officer
- Neil Griffiths (DPI), Peter Beale (LLS) or LLS agricultural staff
- LLS district vets
- Rural financial counsellors
- Mental health support workers

To register for an event please go to [https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/drought-conditions-and-preparing-for-a-dry-winter](https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/drought-conditions-and-preparing-for-a-dry-winter) or phone 1300 795 299. Catering will be provided at each event. Please contact LLS if you would like a workshop organised in your area.

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*Timor and Rouchef workshops are being organised through the Scone Neighborhood Centre in partnership with Upper Hunter Shire Council. Topics of workshops may vary from those listed above. Please call 6545 2562 for more information on these two events.

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