**Carbon calculator summary**

The following information summarises the applicability and requirements of the carbon calculators discussed in this topic, to help farmers and land managers consider calculators that may meet their particular needs and circumstances. Notes below the summary provide more details.

| Calculator | Sector or land use | Type of estimate or analysis | Data required | Relevant carbon farming categories | Accessibility | General description |
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| [Australian Dairy Carbon Calculator (Dairy Australia)](https://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/climate-and-environment/greenhouse-gas-emissions/australian-dairy-carbon-calculator) | Dairy | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Waste management Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation  Other – renewable energy and manure management | Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet  Downloadable for offline use  Free No account required | Used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees and explore different management actions. Based on [Dairy GHG Accounting Framework (D-GAF)](https://piccc.org.au/Files/Tools/DairyGreenhouseV14.7.xlsx). |
| [Australian Wine Carbon Calculator (Australian Wine Research Institute)](https://www.awri.com.au/industry_support/sustainable-winegrowing-australia/carbon-calculator/) | Viticulture  Winemaking | GHG emissions | Cropping  Waste management  Consumables usage | Soil  Other – renewable energy and energy-efficient irrigation systems | Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet  Downloadable for offline use  Free  No account required | Used to estimate GHG emissions from vineyards and wineries and impacts of management activities on GHG emissions. |
| [Blue Carbon Accounting Model (BlueCAM) (Australian Government)](https://cer.gov.au/schemes/australian-carbon-credit-unit-scheme/accu-scheme-methods/tidal-restoration-blue-carbon) | Blue carbon | ACCU Scheme  Abatement estimates | Property information  Cropping  Vegetation  Consumables usage  External – tidal ranges | Blue carbon | Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet  Downloadable for offline use  Free  No account required | Used to estimate abatement for projects under the ACCU Scheme Tidal Restoration of Blue Carbon Ecosystems method. |
| [DairyBase (Dairy Australia)](https://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/farm-business/dairybase) | Dairy | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Waste management Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation  Other – renewable energy and manure management | Online only  Internet required  Free  Account required | Used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees and explores different management actions. Based on [D-GAF](https://piccc.org.au/Files/Tools/DairyGreenhouseV14.7.xlsx). |
| [Environmental Accounting Platform (Agricultural Innovation Australia)](https://www.aiaeap.com/) | Beef (Feedlot)  Beef (Pasture)  Buffalo  Deer  Goats  Poultry (Broiler)  Poultry (Layer)  Pork  Sheep  Cotton  Cropping (Grains)  Horticulture  Rice  Sugar  Wild Sea Fishery | GHG emissions | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Fisheries  Waste management  Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation  Other – renewable  energy and manure  management  Savanna fire  management | Online  Internet required  Free  Account required | Calculator used to estimate GHG emissions at a commodity or whole of enterprise level, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees |
| [Full Carbon Accounting Model (FullCAM) (Australian Government)](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/climate-change/publications/full-carbon-accounting-model-fullcam) | Forestry  Cropping  Grazing  Non-agricultural land use | GHG emissions  ACCU Scheme  Abatement estimates | Property information  Cropping  Vegetation | Soil  Vegetation | Online and downloadable  Internet required  Free  No account required | Used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in soil and vegetation. Also used to estimate abatement for some vegetation and soil carbon methods under the ACCU Scheme. |
| [Greenhouse Accounting Frameworks (GAF) for Australian Primary Industries Tools (The University of Melbourne)](https://piccc.org.au/resources/Tools.html) | Beef (feedlot)  Beef (grazing)  Buffalo  Dairy  Deer  Goats  Poultry  Pork  Sheep  Cotton  Cropping  Horticulture  Rice  Sugar | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Waste management  Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation  Other – renewable energy and manure management  Savanna fire management | Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheets  Downloadable for offline use  Free  No account required | Individual sector-specific calculators used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees. |
| [Landscape Options and Opportunities for Carbon abatement Calculator (LOOC-C) (CSIRO)](https://looc-c.farm/) | Agricultural or non-agricultural land use | Abatement estimates | Property information  Cropping  Vegetation  Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation | Online only  Internet required  Free  No account required | Used to produce indicative estimates of potential abatement under some ACCU Scheme methods, for a specified land area and time period. |
| [MLA Carbon Calculator (Meat and Livestock Australia)](https://carbon-calculator.mla.com.au/) | Beef (feedlot)  Beef (grazing)  Goats  Sheep  Cropping | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation  Other – renewable energy  Savanna fire management | Online only  Internet required  Free  Account optional | Used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees and explore different farm management actions. Built on [Sheep and Beef Greenhouse Accounting Framework (SB-GAF)](https://piccc.org.au/Files/Tools/SB-GAFv2.4_Seasonal.xlsx) and [Grains Accounting Framework (G-GAF)](https://piccc.org.au/Files/Tools/GrainsGreenhouseV10.9.xlsx). Emissions estimates include consumables usage and feedlots which are not included in the MLA Quick Start calculator (explained below). |
| [MLA Quick Start Carbon Calculator](https://elearning.mla.com.au/lessons/quick-balance-carbon-calculator/)  [(Meat and Livestock Australia)](https://elearning.mla.com.au/lessons/quick-balance-carbon-calculator/) | Beef  Sheep  Cropping | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation | Online only  Internet required  Free  Account optional | Used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees. |
| [Platform for Land and Nature Repair (PLANR) (Australian Government)](https://planr.gov.au/) | Beef  Sheep  Dairy  Pork  Poultry  Cropping  Forestry  Horticulture  Non-agricultural land use | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates  Biodiversity | Property information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Consumables usage | Soil  Vegetation | Online only  Internet required  Free  Account optional | Used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees. PLANR also estimates biodiversity condition and can support planning of vegetation projects under the ACCU Scheme. |
| [Ruminati (Ruminati)](https://ruminati.com.au/) | Beef (feedlot)  Beef (grazing)  Sheep  Cropping | GHG emissions  Abatement estimates | Property Information  Livestock  Cropping  Vegetation  Consumables usage | Soil  Livestock  Vegetation  Other – renewable energy | Online only  Internet required  Free and paid options  Account required | BASE (free) and PRIME (paid) versions are used to estimate GHG emissions, impacts of management activities on emissions and carbon storage in trees. [Based on GAF tools](https://piccc.org.au/resources/Tools.html). Ruminati PRIME can estimate emissions from feedlots and can be used to explore different management actions. |
| [SavBAT (Australian Government)](https://savbat.environment.gov.au/) | Agricultural or non-agricultural land use | Abatement estimates | Property information  Vegetation  External – vegetation map of project region | Savanna fire management | Online only  Internet required  Free  No account required | Used to estimate abatement for projects under the ACCU Scheme Savanna Fire Management methods. |

The presentation of material in this summary table does not imply the expression of any opinion, and the mention of specific companies or calculators does not imply that these have been endorsed or recommended by DCCEEW. Every effort has been made to ensure the information on calculators is accurate and linked to the most recent version of the calculator at the time of publication.

Supporting information

**Calculator:** calculator name and responsible organisation. Some products include functions other than calculations; all are referred to as calculators for simplicity. A carbon calculator can be custom-made software or a spreadsheet (usually in Microsoft® Excel®) that can be used to conduct activities including estimating quantities of GHGs emitted and providing abatement estimates.

**Sector or land use:** agricultural and non-agricultural sectors or land uses that a calculator relates to.

**Type of estimate or analysis:** types of estimates or analyses the calculators can be used for.

* GHG emissions: calculator can be used to estimate GHG emissions, which may include scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, and could be for an operation (e.g. a farm or winery), a land area, or an activity.
* ACCU Scheme: calculator is specified in an ACCU Scheme method for estimating abatement from projects conducted under the method.
* Abatement estimates: calculator can be used to estimate abatement (emissions avoided or reduced or carbon stored) from activities. May provide for forecasts of abatement and/or estimates of abatement already achieved.
* Biodiversity: tool can be used to examine biodiversity condition.

**Data required:** types of input data that may be required.

* Property information: may include area boundary, property name and size, location/region, annual rainfall, workforce, ownership status and distribution of land use activities on property. The calculator may include a geospatial tool to define an area boundary.
* Livestock: may include livestock numbers, seasonal liveweights, animal sexes, liveweight gain, crude protein, dry matter digestibility, livestock purchase and sale inventory, milk production and supplementary feed use (e.g. hay, grain, cotton seed).
* Cropping: may include crop varieties grown, area sown, average/yearly pasture and crop yields, soil properties (e.g. soil organic carbon), fertiliser usage and herbicide and pesticide usage.
* Vegetation: may include species of trees, soil type, area of trees, age of trees, vegetation management actions, and fire management.
* Waste management: may include solid waste (e.g. packaging), wastewater and organic waste (e.g. manure and vines). May also include how waste is managed (e.g. how much solid waste is recyclable or how much manure is drained to the paddock).
* Consumables usage: may include water usage (e.g. irrigation types, water sources), fuel consumption (e.g. petrol, diesel, natural gas, liquified petroleum gas, biodiesel), vehicle types and farm transport data, and electricity usage (e.g. how much energy used has been purchased or generated) and winemaking products (e.g. CO2 and synthetic refrigerant).
* External data: refers to specific information required by a calculator which is obtained from an external source.

**Relevant carbon farming categories:** guidance on relevant carbon farming groups/activities, as identified in Topic 2.

**Accessibility:** refers to the how the calculator can be accessed and used. This includes:

* format of calculator: Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet or online platform
* online or offline use: downloadable for offline use; or online only, and internet required
* user fees and accounts: free and no account required; free and account required; free and account optional (calculator can be used without account but account needed to save calculations); free and paid options (users are required to pay a fee to access the full content of the calculator).

**General description:**outlines the main features of each calculator. For consistency, descriptions have been based on whether:

* + the calculator estimates GHG emissions and/or carbon storage
  + the calculator explores the effect of different management practices on GHG emissions and explores management actions
  + the calculator is based on a GAF calculator
  + the calculator is used in an ACCU Scheme method.

The calculators may have more functions than those described. Users of the summary table are encouraged to click on the link for each calculator to explore all available functions, and any recent or upcoming updates to the calculator.