# Water for Fodder—Information you will need to complete your online form

Tell us how you used the water

Water Recovery Branch

## Why we are collecting this information

We are asking all participants in the program to report on their use of water under the Water for Fodder program. This will assist us in assessing your compliance with the program's requirements, as well as to collect and analyse data to measure the program’s performance.

An online form must be submitted by 30 June 2020, and cannot be completed in multiple sessions. Please allow 15-20 minutes to complete the form.

If you have not used any water this water year (2019–20), please do not complete the online form. Instead, please email fodder.compliance@awe.gov.au explaining why no water has been used.

## Information you will need to complete the form

To assist you in completing the form as simply as possible, you will need the information listed below:

Please do not email this word document to the department. You must complete the online form.

### Section 1—Your details

Please provide the details used to submit your stage two application. The following was provided in the email sent to you:

* Program reference/tracking number
* Australian Business Number (ABN)
* Email address
* Allocation Account Number

### Section 2—Planting your crop

* Did you use the water on land linked to the allocation account?
[Yes / No]
* What crops you planted
* The estimated date of planting
* The number of hectares you planted
[Please use this link if you need to convert acres to hectares <https://www.metric-conversions.org/area/acres-to-hectares.htm>]

### Section 3—Water use

* How many megalitres of water did you use on your fodder crop(s)?
* How many megalitres did you lose to conveyance and other transmission losses?
[Please note: This question only relates to the water provided to you under the Water for Fodder program.]
* How many megalitres of water will you need to carryover to next water year?
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* Did you use parking or leasing to carryover any water?
[Yes / No]
* Did you purchase additional water to grow the fodder crop(s)?
[Yes / No]
* How many additional megalitres of water did you purchase to grow your fodder crop(s)?
[Please note: If you did not purchase any additional water to grow your fodder crop(s), enter 0.]
* Compared to usual, the water used on the crop(s) was:
	+ Much more
	+ Somewhat more
	+ Stayed the same
	+ Somewhat less
	+ Much less
* Do you have an Australian Standard AS4747 compliant water meter?
[Yes / No / Unsure]

### Section 4—Crop production outcomes

* Did the crops fail
[Yes, the whole crop failed / Yes, part of the crop(s) failed / No]
* Please estimate the date you harvested the crop(s)
* Please estimate the total amount harvested in tonnes.
[Please note: If you used the water on pasture, please enter 0.]
* Compared to usual, the yield achieved on the crop(s) was:
	+ Much better
	+ Somewhat better
	+ Stayed the same
	+ Somewhat worse
	+ Much worse
* Please estimate how much money you spent to grow and harvest your crop(s).
[Please note: This includes items such as seed, fertiliser, pesticides, twine, wrap, labour etc.]
* Where you had to purchase goods and services to grow your fodder crop, did you use local suppliers (within 100km of your home)?
[Yes / No]

### Section 5—Using your crop

* Was the crop kept or sold?
* How many tonnes did you sell?
[Please note: If you did not sell any, enter 0.]
* Please estimate the income you received from selling what was harvested.
[Please note: If you did not sell any, enter 0.]
* Please estimate how much money has been saved by not having to buy in feed.
[Please note: Enter zero if you sold the entire fodder crop.]

### Section 6—Impact on you and the farm business

* Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Statement | Strongly agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
| Participating in the program has me made more confident in my farm’s ability to withstand the drought. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Producing the fodder under the program assisted me to retain my stock. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Producing the fodder under the program assisted me to retain my employees. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Growing a fodder crop during the drought has had a positive effect on my mental health. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have more animal feedstock available than if I had not participated in the program. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have additional farm income I would not have had if I did not participated in the program. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participating in the program has been a positive experience. |  |  |  |  |  |
| When I contacted the Water for Fodder team, I was satisfied with the response I received. |  |  |  |  |  |

## Privacy information

Personal information means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable. Sensitive information is a subset of personal information and includes any information or opinion about an individual’s racial or ethnic origin, political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, trade or professional associations and memberships, union membership, criminal record, health or genetic information and biometric information or templates.

By completing and submitting this form you consent to the collection of all information, including personal and sensitive information, contained in this form.

The information collected in this form will be used to monitor, evaluate, report on, and improve the Water for Fodder Program. It will be also used to assess compliance with the program's requirements. Information may be disclosed to other Commonwealth and State government agencies, such as the Australian Taxation Office, where necessary for the above purposes, provided the disclosure is consistent with relevant laws, in particular the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

If you fail to provide some or all of the information requested to complete this form, the department will be unable to assess your compliance with the program's requirements. This may lead to the department undertaking additional compliance checks. Additionally, failing to provide this information may lead to the department being unable to collect and analyse data to measure the program’s performance.

Personal information collected will be managed in accordance with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's privacy policy. To learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint, read the privacy policy here https://www.awe.gov.au/about/commitment/privacy.