

# Southern beef producers' resource guide

Resources readily available to southern beef producers looking for opportunities to enhance herd, pasture and business performance



MLA works with partners across southern Australia to deliver adoption programs that equip beef producers with the knowledge and skills to put the latest research into action.

Our adoption programs are delivered by experts in the field and are focused on real solutions for commercial operations.

There are many ways for you to upskill – whether that be through an online resource, attending a one-day event, trying out a training program or getting involved in one of our longer-term programs with other producers. There are programs in this guide suitable for everyone.

**If you would like to know more, get in touch.**

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# Learn about what's happening in your industry

## 1 Attend a MeatUp forum

MeatUp forums bring southern Australian red meat producers together to hear about the latest on-farm research and technologies and connect with others in the industry. With the input of regional working groups, every event is tailored to feature topics and speakers with local significance.

[mla.com.au/meatup](http://mla.com.au/meatup)

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## 2 Connect with your regional research advisory council

MLA consults with regional committees to help guide research, development and adoption (RD&A) activities. In southern Australia, the Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) and the Western Australian Livestock Research Council (WALRC) provide input into this process.



[salrc.com.au](http://salrc.com.au)

[walrc.com.au](http://walrc.com.au)

## 3 Sign up for MLA updates

*The Weekly* delivers industry news, market information and on-farm tips and tools to your inbox every Friday. It's a one-stop-shop for the latest red meat industry information.

[mla.com.au/news](http://mla.com.au/news)

*Feedback* magazine is the red meat industry's quarterly journal, available in hard copy and online. *Feedback* features practical, seasonal on-farm information and the latest industry innovations.

[mla.com.au/feedback](http://mla.com.au/feedback)

## 4 Access MLA's market reports



Access weekly reports and analysis on livestock markets and trends around Australia. Information on export and international markets is also available. Use the interactive market tool to find exactly the data you're after.

[mla.com.au/prices-markets](http://mla.com.au/prices-markets)

## 5 Watch a productivity and profitability webinar

This webinar series is designed to assist red meat producers to increase the productivity and profitability of their businesses.

[mla.com.au/webinars](http://mla.com.au/webinars)

## 6 Learn more about the Beef Sustainability Framework



Developed by the Australian beef industry to meet the changing expectations of customers, investors, and other stakeholders, the Framework defines what 'sustainable beef production' looks like in practice and annually tracks how the industry is performing over a series of indicators including social, environmental and economical.

[sustainableaustralianbeef.com.au](http://sustainableaustralianbeef.com.au)

## 7 Discover People in Agriculture

People in Agriculture is an easy-to-use website providing information on employment awards, benefits, wages, work health and safety, and industry news for employers within the agricultural industry. It also serves as an entry point for those wishing to become involved in the agriculture industry.

[peopleinag.com.au](http://peopleinag.com.au)



[mymla.com.au](http://mymla.com.au)

### Your gateway to MLA products and services

myMLA is a customised online dashboard showing content just for you, including weather, news and market reports. It also has a single sign-on feature for your accounts.

# Upskill yourself and your employees

## 1 The toolbox

MLA's free e-learning platform, The toolbox, offers a flexible way for producers to expand their knowledge, anytime and anywhere. You can choose from a range of packages, each of which can be completed at your own pace.

[elearning.mla.com.au](http://elearning.mla.com.au)

## 2 Genetics hub

Breeding values allow you to see 'under the hood' of an animal. Learn how they can help you accelerate your herd's productivity.

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YOUR PRODUCTIVITY WITH GENETICS

[genetics.mla.com.au](http://genetics.mla.com.au)

## 3 MLA feedbase hubs

Manage your pastures for optimal performance with practical resources available at the following hubs:

- Legumes hub
- Healthy soils hub
- Persistent pastures hub
- Weed control hub

Featuring case studies, calculators, reference guides and training packages, the hubs offer plenty of practical information to support your decisions throughout the season.

[mla.com.au/feedbase-hub](http://mla.com.au/feedbase-hub)

## 4 paraboss

ParaBoss is Australia's premier resource for parasite management information. Cattle producers can find the latest information on worm, tick, lice and fly prevention and management strategies.

[paraboss.com.au](http://paraboss.com.au)

## 5 More Beef from Pastures

An online manual designed to achieve an increase in kgs of beef produced p/ha through better feedbase management.

[mbfp.mla.com.au](http://mbfp.mla.com.au)



## 6 Vaccinations in southern Australia

Vaccines are vital part of a herd health plan. When used correctly vaccines can help prevent common endemic livestock diseases, leading to improved animal health, welfare and productivity.



## 10 Build resilience during dry times

This catalogue provides access to a range of tools and resources to assist livestock producers as they head into, manage through and plan to recover from drought.



## 7 Pain mitigation for beef cattle in southern Australia

The use of pain relief while conducting routine husbandry practices is an expectation. Not only do producers need to consider pain relief products for their animals, but also alternative husbandry procedures and management practices.

Scan the below QR code for an outline of available products, their costs and when they are suitable to use, as well as best practice recommendations for castration in beef calves.



## 8 Bloat management guide

Producers with lush, rapidly growing pastures with high legume content should be aware of an increased risk of bloat when seasonal conditions are favourable in the southern states. MLA's bloat management guide provides information on managing and preventing bloat.



## 9 Become a MSA accredited producer

Through your MyMLA account select **Integrity and feedback > Sign up now > Meat Standards Australia**

[mla.com.au/msa](http://mla.com.au/msa)



## Events and training

Find details of all planned events and training courses on the MLA events calendar.



# Invest in your business

## 1 Start with bredwell fedwell

BredWell FedWell workshops teach producers about using genetics and feed management to improve reproductive performance and herd productivity.

Attend a one-day workshop to:

- better understand how to use estimated breeding values (EBVs)
- develop breeding objectives for your enterprise and identify how to use genetic selection and nutrition to achieve them
- partake in practical sessions on feed budgeting and bull selection.

[mla.com.au/bredwellfedwell](http://mla.com.au/bredwellfedwell)

## 4 Get involved in PDS



Producer Demonstration Sites (PDS) are on-farm projects run by producer groups who want to validate the benefits of incorporating research findings into their businesses.

Producers work together with the support of a facilitator to trial and implement best practice management techniques and technologies within their day-to-day operations.

Sites are located around Australia. Find a site near you or set one up locally. Applications for new sites are taken annually in April.

[mla.com.au/pds](http://mla.com.au/pds)

## 2 Enroll in a BusinessEDGE workshop

Business EDGE is a two-day workshop to enhance your financial management and improve business efficiency and profitability. You will also develop strategies to determine if your business can fund future growth, how to reduce debt and how to plan for retirement and succession..

[mla.com.au/edge-network](http://mla.com.au/edge-network)



## 3 Participate in the Profitable Grazing Systems (PGS) program



Profitable Grazing Systems (PGS) is a long-term program that equips producers to better their business and their bottom line. The program takes a whole-of-farm business approach to improve performance and drive profit.

Through PGS, like-minded groups come together to develop their knowledge and practise their skills with the support of a specialist coach.

Some of the PGS packages on offer to southern beef producers include:

- **PayDirt** value-add to soil testing results and to help producers determine how to get the most bang for their fertiliser buck.
- **Gra\$\$ to Dollars** is based on the highly successful Prograze® course. Designed to teach producers to match feed supply with feed demand to increase productivity.
- **Building Better Breeders** covers the A-Z of beef breeding while supporting producers to adopt electronic tags (eID) in their operation.
- **Heifers for Profit** develops skills in managing heifer nutrition to improve animal welfare, increase reproductive success, optimise stocking rates, and increase whole farm profitability.
- **Sowing for Success** helps producers determine where to invest their pasture dollars to successfully establish a perennial pasture.
- **Renovation Rescue** aids producers in transforming run down perennial pastures.
- **Dollar Making Decisions** provides producers with the skills to take a disciplined and rational approach to capital allocation on-farm.
- **Dry Time Ready** helps producers develop a drought management strategy focused on production and resource allocation.

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## Taking the first steps

- ③ [Supporting carbon neutral red meat production catalogue of products and services](#)
- ③ [Becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030](#)
- ③ [Carbon accounting technical manual](#)