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SADA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

SADA launches new SADA Fresh cheese range in Coles

South Australian consumers wanting to buy local and support SA dairy farmers will have a new way to show their support for our industry. The SADA Fresh cheese range is the new cheese range available to SA consumers as a result of a partnership led by SADA in collaboration with Coles, Beston Global Foods and Australia's Finest.

The cheeses, which includes Cheddar, Gouda and Colby lines, were launched by Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham at Coles Victor Harbor. SA consumers best know the SADA Fresh brand for its trusted range of low fat and full cream milk, first sold in 2013 with a portion of sale proceeds going to an industry development fund to support SA dairy industry research and projects. This fund has funded over a \$1 million in research and industry support projects. SADA Fresh cheeses will further assist SADA to support farmers through their advocacy work.

Minister Basham said South Australia has a long and proud history of producing premium milk and dairy products. "I was lucky enough to launch the SADA milk range back in 2013 as association president and I'm now proud to be launching SADA's new cheese range as Minister,"

"One of the key aims of the SA Dairy Industry Action Plan is for the state to be globally recognised as one of the safest and greatest places to obtain dairy products and this will add to this premium reputation we are building – both locally and internationally."

SADA President John Hunt said the cheese range means SADA will be able to expand its work in promoting the interests of SA dairy farmers while continuing to build collaborative manufacturing relationships across the supply chain. "SADA is grateful to Coles and Beston for supporting SA producers, this means that our farmers sell more milk, South Australian cheese makers, cutters, packers and transporters are employed and consumers can purchase quality South Australian produce with confidence."

Coles Head of Store Operations SA/NT Neil Borrington said Coles is excited to stock SADA Fresh cheese which will support the state's dairy farmers.

"We know our customers love to buy products made in South Australia," he said. "Since launching SADA Fresh milk in our supermarkets seven years ago, it's become the most popular branded milk at Coles in South Australia and we think our customers will also really love SADA Fresh's cheese."

Beston Global Food Company Chairman Dr Roger Sexton said the company is proud to partner with SADA on this initiative to deliver strong support to SA dairy farmers.

"It is with great pleasure that Beston Global Foods has entered a supply arrangement with SA Dairyfarmers Association to provide high quality cheese styles for distribution across Coles SA network," he said.

"We continue to deliver strong milk pricing to South Australian dairy farmers which represents our confidence and material contribution to a strong SA dairy industry."

"In combination with SADA and Coles, it is heartening to be able to turn Beston's investment in SA farmers, into products that provide quality alternatives to interstate dairy products on Coles shelves in South Australia, and helps firm up the South Australian dairy farmer's future."



Australian Dairy Farmers 2020 Federal Budget

Initiatives impacting agriculture (dairy)

Temporary full expensing to support investment and jobs

The Government will support businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$5 billion by enabling them to deduct the full cost of eligible capital assets acquired from 7:30pm AEDT on 6 October 2020 (Budget night) and first used or installed by 30 June 2022. It will improve cash flow for qualifying businesses that purchase eligible assets and bring forward new investment to support the economic recovery.

Job Maker Hiring Credit

The Government will provide \$4.0 billion over three years from 2020-21 to accelerate employment growth by supporting organisations to take on additional employees through a hiring credit. The Job-Maker Hiring Credit will be available to eligible employers over 12 months from 7 October 2020 for each additional new job they create for an eligible employee.

Improving energy affordability and reliability

The Government will provide up to \$134.7 million over four years from 2020-21 to support investment in dispatchable generation and reliable energy supplies in the National Electricity Market (NEM) and the Wholesale Energy Market in Western Australia.

National Water Grid — investing in a long-term approach to water infrastructure

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over ten years from 2020-21 for the development and delivery of a 10-year rolling program of priority water infrastructure investments that support agricultural output, increase water security and build resilience.

COVID-19 Response Package JobKeeper Payment extension

The JobKeeper Payment is a wage subsidy that supports employees of businesses and not-for-profit organisations, significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, remaining connected with their workplace. The Government announced changes to the JobKeeper Payment on 7 August 2020 in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation in Victoria, which resulted in an additional estimated cost of \$15.6 billion in 2020-21. The policy changes announced were:

Increase the small business entity turnover threshold

The Government will expand access to a range of small business tax concessions by increasing the small business entity turnover threshold for these concessions from \$10 million to \$50 million.

Businesses with an aggregated annual turnover of \$10 million or more but less than \$50 million will for the first time have access to up to ten further small business tax concessions in three phases:

In addition, from 1 July 2021, the Commissioner of Taxation's power to create a simplified accounting method determination for GST purposes will be expanded to apply to businesses below the \$50 million aggregated annual turnover threshold.

Murray-Darling Communities Investment Package

The Government will provide \$269.6 million over four years from 2020-21 (and \$9.8 million per year ongoing) for a package of measures to achieve a sustainable and certain future for the Murray-Darling Basin, its people, industries and environment, and in response to findings of the Independent Assessment of the Social and Economic Conditions in the Murray-Darling Basin and the First Review of the Water for the Environment Special Account.

Improved Access to Agricultural and Vet-

erinary Chemicals Program — extension

The Government will provide \$2.4 million over four years from 2020-21 (including \$0.1 million in 2024-25 and 2025-26) to extend the Improved Access to Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals program. The program will help farmers gain improved access to safe and effective agricultural and veterinary chemicals.

Supporting Regional Australia

The Government will provide:

\$100.0 million over two years from 2020-21 to facilitate Regional Recovery Partnerships with states, territories and local governments to support recovery and growth in 10 priority investment regions.

\$30.3 million over two years from 2020-21 to extend Round One of the Regional Connectivity Program to support the delivery of reliable, affordable and innovative digital services and technologies in regional Australia.

Employment Services

The Government will provide \$17.4 million over two years from 2020-21 to temporarily modify the existing Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job Program to make it available to all job seekers participating in employment services, and to those who temporarily relocate to take up agriculture work.

[NFF—Budget backs farmers and the bush to get Australia growing](#)

Josh and Scott go driving



Preparation the key as the Bureau releases its Severe Weather Outlook

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The Bureau of Meteorology has released its [Severe Weather Outlook](#) for October to April, showing an increased risk of flooding for eastern Australia and tropical cyclones in the north, with roughly average potential for heatwaves and severe thunderstorms.

The current La Niña is likely to bring more rain to eastern and northern Australia, with some drought affected areas already seeing rainfall deficiencies ease and water storage levels increase.

After the catastrophic fires of last summer, it's a very different bushfire outlook this season, with average fire potential for most parts.

"This fire season we're expecting wetter than average conditions in eastern and northern Australia, so long running large bushfires are less likely, however a wetter spring can lead to abundant grass growth, which could increase fire danger as it naturally dries during summer."

"Meanwhile, if dry conditions continue in southwest Western Australia as forecast, the potential for more fire weather days there

could increase."

The Bureau's General Manager of Decision Support Services, Sandy Whight, said the lower fire risk across much of Australia is no reason for complacency.

"Southern Australia is one of the most bush-fire prone places in the world in any summer and it's important to remember that, right across Australia, even short periods of hot and windy weather will raise the fire risk, so communities need to have their bushfire

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

More grass growth in spring could raise the risk of grass fires in summer

During La Niña, heatwaves may last longer and be more humid, though there may be fewer days of extreme heat compared an average season

La Niña is likely to bring more rain than usual through what is usually a very dry period in SA

plans ready.

"La Niña also brings more rain and increased humidity, which can mean fewer extreme heat days. But while heatwaves may not be as severe, the Bureau's advice is that in southern areas they may last longer and be more humid – both of which can increase

the risk to human health. Be sure to monitor the Bureau's [heatwave service](#), which provides information about the location and severity of heatwaves."

The Bureau is committed to keeping Australians safe. We support emergency partners and the community to prepare for the impacts of severe weather through regular forecasts, warnings, monitoring and advice.

Now, more than ever, it's vital to heed the Bureau's warning to [Know your weather. Know your risk.](#)

A [Digital Media Kit](#) is available for media, featuring explainer videos, blogs, graphics and more.

You can view the Bureau's severe weather outlook page here: www.bom.gov.au/knowyourweather

You can view the Bureau's Tropical Cyclone Season Outlook here: www.bom.gov.au/climate/cyclones/australia/

More information on La Niña impacts is at: <http://media.bom.gov.au/social/blog/2440/explainer-what-is-a-la-nia/>



The South Australian Dairy Industry Fund (SADIF) is looking for suitably qualified candidates to join its skills-based board.

SADIF was officially formed in October 2014 to finance projects that directly benefit the South Australian dairy industry and its communities. It is managed by a small voluntary board, and is funded by proceeds from the sale of SADA Fresh brand milk. The ground-breaking milk brand was launched by the South

Australian Dairyfarmers' Association (SADA) in October 2013 to help secure the future of the State's dairy farmers and their industry. SADA was the first dairy industry association in Australia to launch its own brand, and the response from consumers has been overwhelming and sales continue to grow.

The fund has contributed over \$1,000,00 to more than 30 projects across Australia since 2014.

The Board is looking for suitably qualified candidates to assist with the ongoing governance of the fund as it continues to grow. Candidates with a passion for the dairy industry and South Australian agriculture are encouraged to apply. Experience and knowledge in at least two of the following areas would be

preferred:

- Governance skills
- A background in either the for-profit or not-for-profit sector
- A high level of financial literacy
- Connection with the dairy industry and/or dairy communities
- A background in dairy related research and/or extension
- Communication and public relations skills

Formal qualifications in agriculture, business and/or graduate of the AICD would be viewed favourably.

Please contact Tom Cosentino, Executive Officer of the SADIF on 08 8293 2399 or at eo@livestocksa.org.au for further details.



SA DAIRY SUMMIT

The South Australian Dairy Industry produced 496 million litres of milk in 2018-19 from more than 66,000 cows, bringing more than \$234 million in farm gate revenue.

The SA Dairy Summit 2020 will take place in Adelaide on **Wednesday 25 November 2020 10am– 3pm at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Rd, Fullarton.** This event is being driven by SADA the SA Government and the Dairy Industry Association of Australia, (DIAA).

In March 2019 the South *Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2019 -2024* was launched and in July 2019 the SA Government committed itself to increasing overall Gross State Product by 3%. In November 2019 the first SA Dairy Summit took place with The Dairy Industry Action Plan as the base document for the summit.

The purpose of this second summit is to examine the outcomes from the first summit on all elements of the dairy industry value chain to improve the performance of the dairy industry in South Australia. This includes regulatory arrangements which may improve the SA dairy product.

The summit will bring all players in the dairy industry in South Australia together to identify pathways to achieve the aims of the Dairy Industry Action Plan and highlight industry's contribution to the Government's ambition for a 3% increase in Gross State Product.

Around the grounds

- Ash attended a food safety and reliability webinar as part of the traceability work. This will be some of the core standards that will have to be adhered to by the industry.
- Andrew was involved with the quarterly PPSA PIRSA meeting. The Bureau of Meteorology provided a seasonal update predicting a wetter than average spring. In addition, it was announced that the Bureau will be working on a trial with PIRSA on the decisions where producers need weather information. Issues discussed at the meeting included the water allocation plan in the outback, with PIRSA indicating that as their objective is to develop pastoralism, need water security; the on-farm emergency water infrastructure rebate scheme – State Government trying to find funds and those who have already made applications are being assessed; the drought program – continues to be rolled out; R&D funding – with less levy funding, SARDI funding is being reduced; and climate change – PIRSA wants to work with industry on a carbon farming implementation road map.
- Progress has resumed with value added dairy courses. The Department of Innovation and Skills is keen to meet with SADA to discuss course programs and funding.

To secure your seat, please ring the SADA office on 8293 2399 or Email sada@sada.asn.au prior to the 16 November 2020

BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL (BAL)

Bushfire Attack Level	Description
BAL-FZ	Direct exposure to flames from fire, in addition to heat flux and ember attack
BAL-40	Increasing levels of ember attack and burning debris ignited by windborne embers together with increasing heat flux with the increased likelihood of exposure to flames
BAL-29	Increasing levels of ember attack and burning debris ignited by windborne embers together with increasing heat flux
BAL-19	Increasing levels of ember attack and burning debris ignited by windborne embers together with increasing heat flux
BAL-12.5	Ember attack
BAL-Low	There is insufficient risk to warrant specific construction requirements.

WHAT IS A BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL (BAL)

A Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) is a measure of the severity of the potential exposure to ember attack, radiant heat and direct flame contact by a building.

BAL establishes the requirements to construct a bushfire resilient building and influences the types of materials that need to be used to increase the protection of the building from bushfire attack.

BAL takes into consideration:

- type of surrounding vegetation;
- how close the building is to the vegetation;
- slope of the land (ie. fire runs more readily and with greater intensity uphill); and
- the Fire Danger Index applicable to the region.

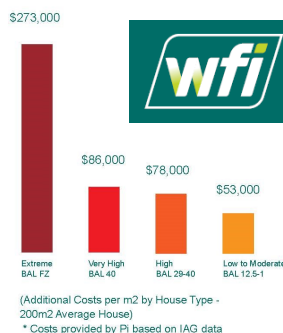
BUILDING CODES & BAL

Following the 2009 Victorian bushfires, the Australian Building Codes Board adopted a national bushfire standard for residential buildings. The new Standard, 'AS3959-2009 Construction in bushfire-prone areas', aims to improve the ability of a building to withstand bushfire attack.

The standard sets out the building requirements for house design and construction according to the BAL that it falls into.

Contact your local fire authority for assistance with working out the BAL level of your property. Your local government body can advise about the specific requirements of a BAL certificate by a qualified assessor.

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COST TO REBUILD*



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO REBUILD AFTER A BUSHFIRE?

The chart above outlines the potential additional rebuild costs according to BAL.

The requirements for house design and construction vary according to the BAL.

Importantly, the majority of buildings in bushfire-prone areas may predate current bushfire regulations. Therefore, if you live in a bushfire prone area it may now cost significantly more to rebuild your home under the new Standards.

A typical four bedroom home in a high risk bushfire area (BAL code FZ) can cost more than \$100,000 extra to rebuild and meet the new Standard to fire proof homes.

CLEAN UP COSTS

The costs of demolition and clean up should be engaged to do the cleanup work. If you are insured, your home insurer may organise and assist in cleaning up, securing your home and removal of debris. Hazardous materials that may be present after the fire include:

- LP gas cylinders;
- ashes, especially from burnt treated timbers (such as copper chrome arsenate or 'CCA');
- garden or farm chemicals;
- medicines; and
- metal and other residues from burnt household appliances.

HOW MUCH DO CLEAN-UPS COST?

Where there is significant damage to a home or a home is destroyed completely, clean-up costs can reach the tens of thousands of dollars.

\$46,000 is the average cost for debris removal

\$68,000 is the average cost for debris removal for asbestos properties

Source: IAG data from current debris removals after the 2019-2020 Christmas period fires.