

# GRAZING BMP

## CERTIFICATION AND AUDIT ASSURANCE STRATEGY

### WHAT IS IT?

The aim of the Grazing BMP program is to transition the grazing industry from its current position toward a voluntary grazing management system that drives sustainable, profitable and ethical beef industry development, whilst demonstrating world leading stewardship to the broader community.

### WHY WOULD I WANT TO DO IT?

- To demonstrate and validate world leading stewardship to the government and broader community using reliable, relevant and robust information.
- To reinforce the integrity of the Grazing BMP data collected, thus validating and giving confidence to external stakeholders and the broader community in the BMP process.
- Government has an expectation for less need for regulation once there is high adoption of BMP programs.

### WHO CAN DO IT?

- Any grazier who wishes to have their Recognition of Self-assessment endorsed by the industry.
- Grazing BMP participants are now being invited to participate in a review of their self-assessment.
- This component is voluntary and offered free of charge to graziers to help ratify our industry position.

### WHO ARE THE INDUSTRY AUDITORS?

- Contractors are selected for their high level of relevant industry experience.
- Auditors are external to the Grazing BMP program, but are strongly involved in the industry.
- Auditors have completed program specific auditing training course.

### HOW DO I DO IT?

- Applicants are invited to engage in the process by expressing interest in the review process.

- A local Grazing BMP officer is assigned to work with the applicant through the initial process to ensure the applicant is comfortable with and equipped for the audit process, although this is not mandatory.
- Sufficient evidence to meet the requirements of the audit is collected. For example, property maps, property diaries, paddock records, kill sheets, work plans, chemical inventories and chemical treatment records. A full list of evidence is provided in the checklist.

### INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE GATHERING

- Gathered information is forwarded to the Grazing BMP team who validates the information supplied against the Grazing BMP checklist. This process is to ensure the appropriate evidence is available to progress to the on-ground assessment.
- The Grazing BMP team verifies that documentation has met the requirements and organises a time and date for the next stage.

### ON-GROUND VALIDATION

- Following a successful desktop audit, an appointment for the on-ground phase of the audit will be negotiated to best suit the applicant.
- The auditor will conduct the on-ground visit, which generally takes just a few hours. The aim is to validate that the practices identified during the desktop audit are being followed.

### AUDIT FINDINGS...WHAT NEXT?

On successful completion you will be recognised as an Accredited Producer. The individual accreditation will provide confidence that your performance is endorsed, scientifically robust and recognised.

It is envisaged the accreditation could be used by graziers to endorse or recommend their performance or product in an identified market and the broader community. This accreditation is valid for three years.



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### ACCREDITATION REWARDS

Grazing BMP offers a range of incentives for you and your farm business to undertake the audit and subsequent Grazing BMP accreditation.

Graziers who have completed their audit and received Grazing BMP accreditation can choose from one of the below rewards:

- \$500.00 towards property safety signs;
- \$500.00 towards full AgForce membership;
- \$500.00 towards other forms of industry certification (i.e. PCAS, Organic, EU, MSA or other recognised market certification);
- \$500.00 towards professional satellite or aerial photography of the accredited property;
- \$500.00 towards a workplace health and safety plan from a recognised training organisation;
- \$500.00 towards a recognised business skills development program such as Business Edge, RCS etc;
- A Garmin GPS and user training package; or
- A Phoenix mapping tool and user training package.

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