



Practical information, resources and opportunities for north-west Tasmanian farmers and agricultural service providers.

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of *Our Natural Advantage*, Cradle Coast NRM's monthly climate-smart farming snapshot.

The theme of this edition is:

Seasonal Preparedness And long-range forecasts

A week of good rain like this is a salve for many farmers.

The frequency and volume of rainfall received underpins the success of our agricultural systems. However, rainfall is not the only contributing climate factor to agricultural production: temperature, humidity, frost, and wind also play their part, as does the timing of extreme weather events in the production cycle.

Global Climate Drivers influence Regional Climate Drivers which interact with our local landscape to deliver the weather that we experience where we are.

This year the Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting winter to be unusually warm across the entire country, as an El Niño climate pattern is increasingly likely to take hold. El Niño is a Global Climate Driver.

Because of the ever-changing interactions with global, regional and local climate drivers, the Bureau of Meteorology produces regularly updated long-range forecasts to help predict how these interactions may impact local weather and support on-farm decision making.

**Complete our north-west Tasmanian farmer
and agri-service provider survey for your
chance to**

WIN a \$100 fuel voucher!



Take the survey

This survey will take 5 to 10 minutes and will help guide our work.

El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

ENSO is the change between El Niño and La Niña conditions based on sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, from east of the International Date Line across to the west coast of South America.

ENSO has a significant impact on the amount of cloud and strength of winds across the Pacific Ocean, which in turn influences the amount of rainfall received in south eastern Australia during winter and spring.

There are three distinct phases of ENSO.

1. El Niño: reduces the chance of rain over south-eastern Australia during winter and spring.
2. La Niña: increases the chance of rain over south-eastern Australia during winter and spring.
3. Neutral ENSO: has no influence over the likelihood of rainfall in south-eastern Australia.

It is important to note that although El Niños are generally associated with drier conditions and La Niñas with wetter conditions, an El Niño event does not always lead to drought and a La Niña event will not always lead to very wet or flooded conditions for south-eastern Australia. This is because ENSO interacts with other climate drivers.

To find out more about the upcoming seasonal predictions across Tasmania, join AgLogic's online June Seasonal Update webinar. [Learn more and register here.](#)

If the worst-case scenario of El Niño comes to pass, our region could again be experiencing dry times, high fire danger and warming temperatures with increasing evaporation. When it comes to preparing for prolonged dry conditions it is important to have a plan, act early and review the plan often.

There are many tools and support available to farmers to help plan ahead - like farm business coaching, climate and weather information and financial support. Take a look at the resources section below to get started.



Image: Recent dry landscapes on King Island



Resources

Farming forecaster: Farming Forecaster brings together live paddock-based sensor data and cutting-edge scientific modelling in one place, helping producers to make informed decisions around how much dry matter can be grown in a season and the appropriate stocking rate. Visit the website [here](#).

Drought Feeding and Management of Beef Cattle by Agriculture Victoria: This guidebook is a go-to for all things drought and dry times, from water and pasture management to animal welfare and alternative feeds. View the booklet as a PDF [here](#).

Rural Alive and Well: The team at RAW are here to support you when you need it most. Visit their website [here](#).

Drought Management Resources by Meat and Livestock Australia: MLA have compiled a wide range of resources into one handy webpage, covering topics like seasonal ground cover management, managing weeds after drought and managing low body condition livestock. Visit the webpage [here](#).

Drought, Disaster and Rural Support delivered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: Find out about the wide range of federal supports available for farm households during, and to prepare for, hard times. Visit the website [here](#).

Events

Green Finance for Farmers

Hosted by: Farmers for Climate Action

Location: Longford

Date: 4 June, 10:00AM to 1:30PM

Find out more and register [here](#).

Webinar: June Seasonal Update

Hosted by: Ag Logic & TAS Farm Innovation Hub (Guest Bureau of Meteorology speaker)

Date: June 5, 1:00PM to 1:45PM

Location: Online webinar

[Register here](#) to learn more about the future forecast for Tasmania.



Growing the Network: Protecting and Maintaining High Conservation Value Areas

Hosted by: Landcare Tasmania

Date: 18 July, 10:00AM to 2:00PM

Location: Forth Community Hall

Register [here](#).

Opportunities

Farm Business Resilience Program 2 - Expressions of Interest now open!

This popular program has been extended. Visit the NRE Tasmania [website](#) to express your interest in participating.

Emerge: Supporting Farmer Led Groups

Are you looking to start, grow or reconnect a farmer group? This new program could support you!

Hosted by: RMCG

Fill out this [form](#) to receive a call back.

Missed a previous edition? Browse other topics from *Our Natural Advantage* below.

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If you would like to share a relevant resource, event or opportunity, please email landprogram@cradlecoast.com by 22 June to be considered for the next edition.

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