# The AgRi-Silience Program

## Participant Applications

The Future Drought Fund (FDF) is a long-term Australian Government investment fund that provides a sustainable source of funding to help Australian farmers and communities become more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought Funding will be invested from the FDF across Australia every year for projects to help strengthen drought resilience in Australian primary producers.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is coordinating the delivery of FDF programs in South Australia. PIRSA have contracted Livestock SA and Grain Producers SA (GPSA) to deliver the AgRi-Silience Program for the livestock and grains sectors. There are also programs being delivered by industry in the vegetable and dairy sectors.

The Program aims to:

* give farmers and communities the tools and capabilities they need to prepare for, and live through, times of drought,
* reduce drought impacts, and the need for drought support, and
* provide objectives of increased economic, environmental, and social resilience.

**Livestock SA and GPSA are seeking applications from forward looking farm businesses in the livestock and grains sectors to participate in a program of facilitated learning, a strategic planning process, and expert guidance and coaching to support the development of a Resilience Roadmap or review of an existing business plan.**

The Program provides subsidised access to professionals delivering a mix of dedicated on-farm support and group workshop learning to assist with the development of a Resilience Roadmap aimed at achieving your business’ long-term aspirations. Delivery of the foundation year will begin in March 2022 and expected to run to June 2022\*.

Broadacre producers in the agricultural regions with long term aspirations for a sustainable future are invited to participate in the Program.

## The Program

Participants will work with a facilitator to develop a Resilience Roadmap that outlines the farm business’ short-term and long-term goals associated to the business resilience. The facilitators have expertise in group facilitation, group facilitation, business coaching, project coordination and strategic planning. Participants will also have access to subject matter experts to provide specific inputs to the development of their Resilience Roadmap.

The Program consists of a series of 3 workshops and a one-on-one coaching review with the local facilitator. In the foundation year (to 30 June 2022), workshops will focus on strategic farm business management and planning, and farm risk management and informed decision making. Additional workshops on natural resource management, and personal and social resilience, and additional one-on-one coaching will be delivered after 30 June 2022, conditional on additional funding being secured.

Participants will also have access to financial assistance from PIRSA to cover the costs of travel and childcare incurred as a result of participating in the Program (up to the value of $1000 ex. GST). Participants who do not genuinely need to incur these costs to participate in face-to-face training, or participate in online based learning, will not be eligible for this allowance. Details on how to access the allowance will be provided to successful applicants.

Participants will be allocated a LF responsible for delivering the Program in your preferred region. Agricultural regions\*\* included in the Program are

* Upper Eyre Peninsula
* Lower Eyre Peninsula
* Southern Mallee
* Northern Mallee
* Upper South-East
* Lower South-East
* Mid North
* Upper North
* Hills and Fleurieu
* Barossa

The Program will also be run online, should there be enough interest from producers.

\*\*Producers from Kangaroo Island and the Pastoral region, and vegetable growers and dairy farmers have access to similar alternative programs.

## Applicants must:

* Trade as a primary production business
* Undertake all aspects of the business wholly within Australia
* Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST
* Farm in one of the agricultural regions in South Australia
* Be established under the legal structure of a sole trader, trust, partnership, or private company
* Be commercially viable, that is, the business must be able to
  + Generate sufficient net profit under normal seasonal and market conditions after fixed and variable expenses to service borrowings,
  + Provide an adequate standard of living for members of the business,
  + Allow investment on-farm to maintain the farm’s productive assets, and
  + Financially sustainable and productive in the long term

OR is able to demonstrate genuine potential to become a viable business (as outlined above)

Each successful business will contribute $500 (ex GST) to the cost of delivery. Multiple members of the business are encouraged to participate, with up to 2 members of the business able to participate under the subsidised rate (additional members will be required to pay the full cost of the program to participate).

Participation in the program will require participants to commit to learning and to the development of a Resilience Roadmap.

\*Participants may be invited to participate in additional workshops beyond 30 June 2022, which complement the activities delivered in the Foundation year, subject to additional funding.

## Applications

Applications can be mailed to

Farm Business Resilience Program

Livestock SA

Unit 5 / 780 South Road  
GLANDORE SA 5037

OR

emailed to [projects@livestocksa.org.au](mailto:projects@livestocksa.org.au)

**Applications are due by 5pm, 4 March 2022.**

Livestock SA and GPSA reserve the right to not consider applications received after the closing date.

All applications will be assessed by Livestock SA and GPSA and a successful applicants will be notified by Friday 11 March 2022.

# Application Form

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| **Business Name** |  | | | |
| **Trading Name** |  | | | |
| **Property Name** |  | | | |
| **ABN** |  | | | |
| **Business Structure** | Sole trader  Partnership  Trust  Private Company | | | |
| **Are you registered for GST?** | Yes  No | | | |
| **Street Address** |  | | | |
| **Suburb/Town** |  | **Postcode** |  |
| **Postal Address** |  | | | |
| **Suburb/Town** |  | **Postcode** |  |
| **Closest Service Town** |  | | | |
| **Local Council Region** |  | | | |
| **Average Rainfall** |  | | | |
| **Industry Sector** (select all that apply) | Livestock – Beef  Livestock – Sheep  Livestock – Goats  Grains | | | |

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| **Primary Contact Person** |  |
| **Position within the Business** | Farm Owner  Farm Manager  Farm Employee (endorsed by your employer)  Farm Family Member |
| **Phone Number** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |

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| **Name of Additional Attendee** |  |
| **Position within the Business** | Farm Owner  Farm Manager  Farm Employee  Farm family member |
| **Phone Number** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |

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| **Would you like other members of the business to participate in the program?** (Additional business members are invited to participant at full cost to the business and will be subject to Program capacity).  Yes  No |
| Where applicants are unable or unwilling to travel and participate in the Program in a face-to-face setting, the Program may establish an online peer-to-peer learning group pending interest from applicants. **Would you like to participate in the program online?**  Yes  No |
| Are you a **member** of Livestock SA or Grain Producers SA (GPSA)?  Yes  No  *If no, please fill in an application form which can be downloaded from the Livestock SA or GPSA website and attach it to this application. Membership is are free for levy-paying producers.* |

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| **Describe your enterprise mix** | e.g., mixed farming 30% grazing, 70% cropping, number of livestock, types of crops. |
| **Describe your reasons for participating in the Program** |  |
| **Describe your business aspirations** |  |
| **Describe your priorities for business development** |  |

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| **What areas would you like to focus on as part of the Program?**  Select up to two options. | Strategic farm business management and planning  Farm risk management and informed decision making  Natural resource management  Personal and social resilience |

**Agreement**

I have read the Program Guidelines and agree to participate to work toward achieving the programs’ desired outcomes

I agree to pay $500 (ex GST) toward the cost of the delivery of the Program and full cost of any additional participants

**Signed**

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