

ALFA DIARY

20 – 22 November

MLA Red Meat Forum &
AGM, Canberra ACT

26 November

TRAIL Leadership Course
industry scholarship
announcement

3 December

MLA/ALFA Market
Consultation, Brisbane

5 & 6 December

ALFA Council Meeting

10 December

Grain Fed Beef Website
Project Branding
Workshop, Brisbane

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QUARTERLY FEEDLOT SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN

Cattle on feed reached the unprecedented level of 1,126,666 head for the July – September 2018 quarter, increasing a further 6,207 head or just over 0.5% from the June quarter, according to the results of the latest Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) quarterly feedlot survey.

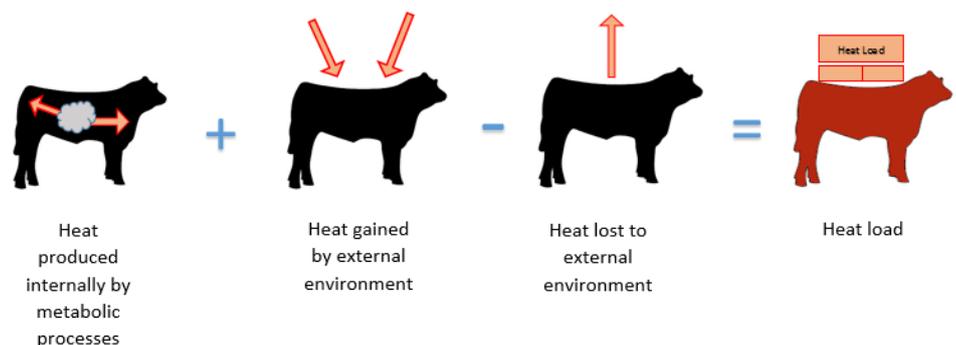
ALFA President, Bryce Camm, said that 2018 has been a year dictated by east coast drought conditions which has driven feedlot cattle inventory and grain fed beef exports to record levels.

"All supply chain participants are being challenged under the current conditions and it's no surprise that commodity markets and cattle inputs are impacting feedlot margins. Yet cattle on feed hit an all-time high again this quarter reflecting the important role feedlots play in managing seasonal variability," Mr Camm said.

"Licensed capacity reached 1,309,905 head, breaking another record, with an additional 8,510 head up on last quarter, indicating that the underlying drivers and support for the feedlot industry go beyond drought mitigation."

[Click here](#) for the full Media Release and Survey data.

HEAT LOAD IN FEEDLOT CATTLE: ARE YOU PREPARED?



As we move further into warmer months, it is important for all feedlots to be conscious of heat load. ALFA has developed a free member resource that covers what heat load is, how it is caused and what tools and tips you need to mitigate your risk.

[Click here](#) to download the free Heat Load resource.

MISSED BEEFEX THIS YEAR OR LOOKING FOR A PRESENTATION?

We have made available a number of the BeefEx Presentations for you to access, if interested. [Click here](#) for a reminder of the program and topics presented and then click below to access the presentations.

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ADD STAFF TO THE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION LIST

Did you know that if you are an ALFA Feedlot or Company Associate Member you can add up to 15 direct staff members to your membership profile? This means you can ensure all relevant staff members are receiving the ALFA Member e-newsletter, which can at times hold important information and updates for different parts of your business.

By adding your staff members to the distribution list, you can easily keep your talented employees across Awards & Scholarship open and close dates, accounts staff across membership renewal periods, and all staff interested in training and workshops informed of key dates.

To add staff to your membership profile, simply send their name and email address to madeleine.hamilton@feedlots.com.au.

If you are an ALFA Individual Associate member and would like to add extra staff to your membership profile, you will need to upgrade your membership category to Company Associate membership. [Click here](#) to view the benefits of Company Associate membership.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - INDUSTRY RESEARCH FEEDLOT

You will have previously read in the ALFA newsletter that Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) in consultation with the Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from commercial feedlots to host an industry research feedlot at their enterprise. The EOI will be utilised to determine appropriate feedlots, to invite to respond to a formal Request for Tender process.

Expression of interest submissions will close soon at 5PM Tuesday 4 December 2018 Queensland time. So, if you are interested, we encourage you to lodge your EOI ahead of this date.

[Click here](#) to download the Research Feedlot Expression of Interest form & Terms of Reference

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INTENSIVE ANIMAL INDUSTRIES SYMPOSIUM

The program for the upcoming intensive animal industries symposium has recently been released. The symposium will be held on 3 - 4 December at AgriBio, Centre for AgriBioscience, La Trobe University, 5 Ring Rd, Bundoora VIC 3083.

The symposium brings together world leading experts in the environmental management of intensive animal industries and will cover topics including:

- Understanding the changing nature of animal production systems, locally & internationally
- Managing atmospheric and water quality impacts
- Getting better value from manure
- Effective policy instruments and regulation

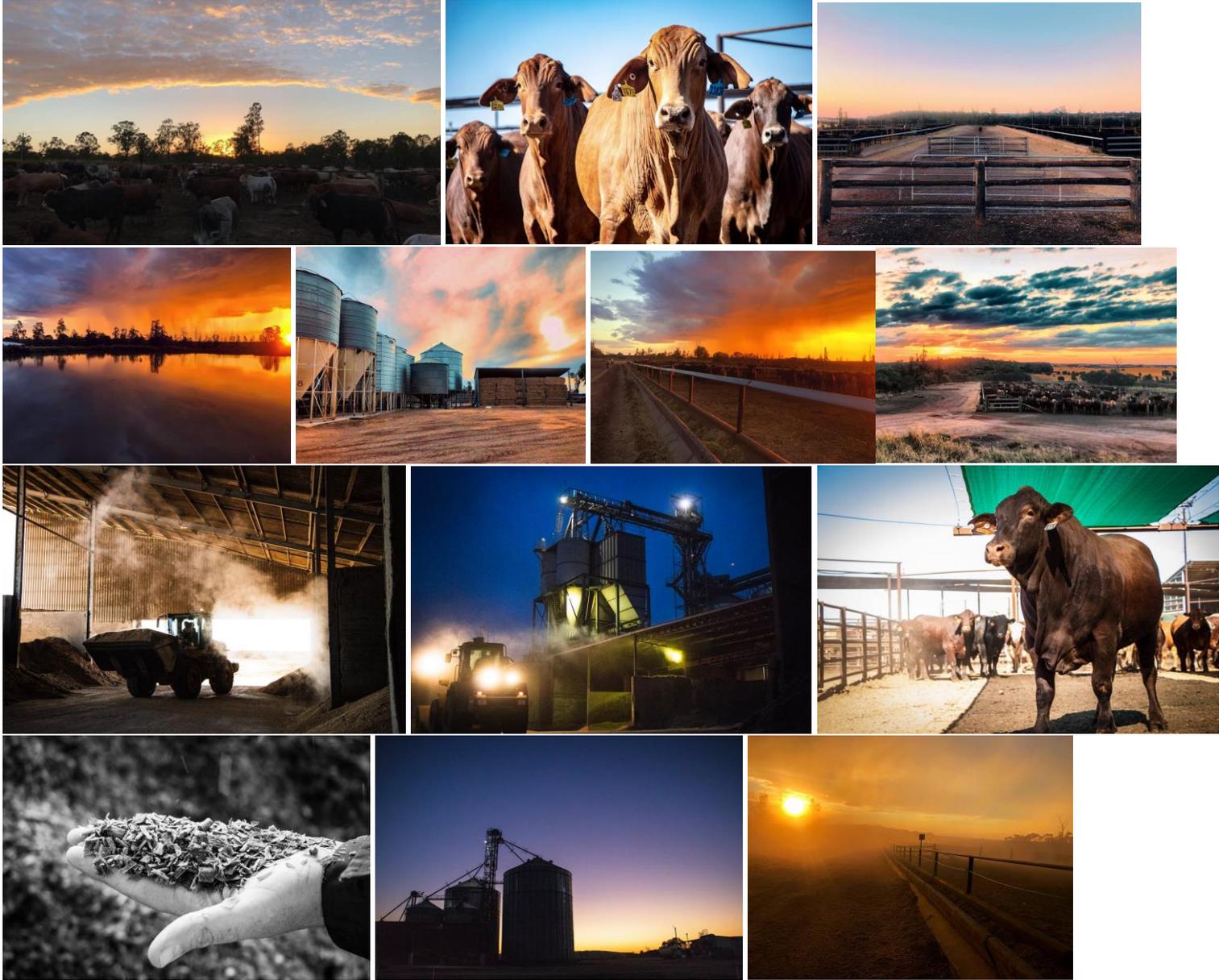
The symposium is a great opportunity to meet and learn from a wide range of international experts, leading national scientists, and industry and government representatives who will explore the outlook for intensive animal industries and discuss how better environmental outcomes can be delivered.

[Click here to register](#)

ALFA Calendar Photo Competition – WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Voting has now closed for the ALFA Calendar Competition. A total of 51 images were entered by ALFA Members and an impressive 2,682 votes were cast over on the [ALFA Facebook page!](#)

Without further ado, we are excited to reveal our Top 13 Photos, as voted by the public. Winners include Smithfield Feedlot QLD, Weeroona Feedlot, QLD, Condamine Feedlot QLD & Jindalee Feedlot NSW. Congratulations!



We thank our proud Platinum Member sponsor of the ALFA Calendar Photo Competition, Performance Feeds, for their on-going support of this initiative. We also thank all the ALFA Members who submitted their images this year, as always, they were immensely creative and showcased the many positive attributes of our industry – well done! Another big thanks to those who voted and shared the photos via the ALFA Facebook Page.

All ALFA Members will receive their copy of the 2019 ALFA Calendar in the mail before Christmas.

