



RULES OF THUMB

We can't control sunlight or rainfall, but we can control land condition through animal and grazing management.

FBA has developed five Rules of Thumb to help guide CQ graziers create productive and sustainable businesses. Below is an overview of the five rules. To get the complete guide or any of the resources below contact Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA).

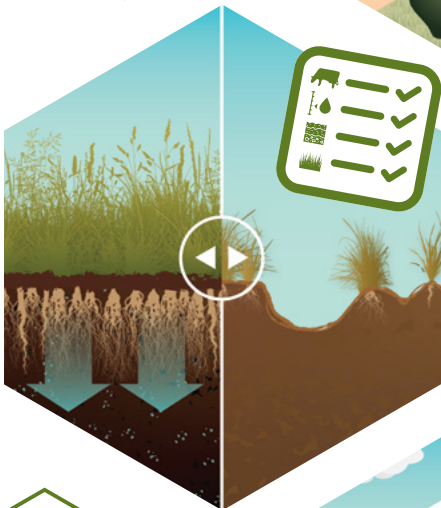


MAP AND MONITOR

You can't manage what you don't monitor.

Learn the importance of:

- Mapping property and infrastructure
- Creating monitoring sites
- Assessing land condition
- Setting property goals and direction
- Keeping effective records



KNOW YOUR LAND CAPABILITY

Understand the core asset of your business – your land!

Learn how to...

- Understand your land types
- Discover your land's capability and limitations
- Increase groundcover
- Manage and prevent erosion



GRAZE FOR PASTURE REGENERATION

Maximise your pasture production, land condition and animal performance.

Learn how to...

- Match stocking rate with carrying capacity
- Encourage maximum pasture quality and quantity
- Improve the condition of your land
- Calculate how much pasture is in your paddock (pasture budgeting)
- Identify pasture species



MANAGE YOUR PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

“He who fails to plan, plans to fail”

Learn how to...

- Plan your herd management activities
- Prepare a drought management plan
- Understand the nutritional requirements of your livestock
- Understand climate forecasts and drivers



FOSTER YOUR NATURAL ASSETS

Your land, your water, your livelihood.

Care for your country and it will care for you.

Learn how to...

- Monitor soil health
- Explore the potential benefits of environmental offsets
- Manage road tracks and fence lines
- Create healthy waterways (riparian management)

RESOURCES FOR CQ LAND MANAGERS

Along with the Rules of Thumb, FBA has a range of resources to help land managers make improved management decisions. Contact FBA to learn more or access these resources.



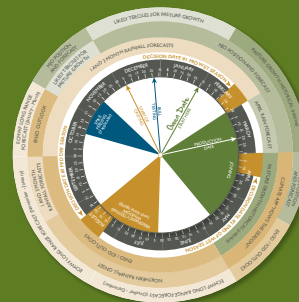
Land Condition Photo Standards in Central Queensland



Pasture Budgeting in Central Queensland: Photo Standards



Selection of record keeping books



CQ Grazing Production Planner Climate Tool



Self-assessment Toolkit



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