

ALUP NEWS

Updates from Agricultural Land Use Planning



Training

Land use conflict risk

Enrolments are currently being accepted for our accredited online course in land use conflict risk management.

Learn the fundamentals of risk management through the context of land use planning, with practical case studies and interactive tutorials.

[Register your interest for the Land Use Conflict Risk Management course.](#)

Forums

Paddock to Planning

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent forum on urban and peri-urban agriculture.

Our post-forum resources (including the forum recording) will be available soon.

View recordings of our previous forums and industry webinars by visiting our **[P2P page](#)**.

Latest statistics

AgTrack

Have you seen the latest agricultural statistics in the new Agriculture and Land Use Dashboard - **[AgTrack?](#)**

Search by region, sub-region or local government area to check out the value by product, employment figures, land use, and secondary industries in your area. This data is useful to inform strategic planning and other decisions relating to agriculture.

DID YOU KNOW

Pigs can't sweat! Housing sheds on 'conventional' indoor farms are usually temperature controlled to keep pigs comfortable year-round, while pigs in outdoor systems are dependent on sprinklers, wallows, and shelter to keep cool during hot weather.

Horticulture webinar

For those who missed the webinar, why not watch the **[NSW Horticulture Industry Webinar video](#)**? UNE have also released the **[first draft mapping of Protected Cropping Systems](#)** in addition to the tree crops mapping mentioned in the webinar.



UPCOMING INDUSTRY WEBINAR

Don't miss our next industry webinar to be held on **Thursday 30 May 2024 at 10 am**. Our focus industry for the next webinar is the pork industry. The webinar will include information on changes to the National Environmental Guidelines for indoor and outdoor piggeries due for release in May. Invites coming soon!

Navigating Farm Development

The NSW government is developing a tool to help primary producers to understand and comply with the development application process for intensive agriculture developments for dairy and horticulture.

The repair, replacement or relocation of key on-farm infrastructure in response to storms and floods may trigger the need for consent. This tool will help farmers navigate the planning system and will support their recovery efforts.

The project builds on a prototype developed in 2020 that provided a better understanding and application of planning rules to the poultry industry.

The project commenced in July 2023. The tool is planned to be developed by December 2024, following a period of testing.



Separation distances and buffers

Research Project

NSW DPI has undertaken a literature review of existing research and guidance on determining separation distances and buffers between agriculture and other land uses.

This research will assist in policy development and provide technical advice for councils and proponents involved in determining buffer distances to development. This work implements part of Recommendation 9 of the NSW Agriculture Commissioner's report, **Improving the Prospects for Agriculture and Regional Australia in the NSW Planning System**.

Victoria has recently undertaken research in and has developed **Draft New Land Use Planning Regulations for the Establishment and Expansion of Animal Production Facilities in Victoria** that may be of interest.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Planning for Agriculture in Rural Land Use Strategies

Is your council developing a Rural Land Use Strategy? NSW DPI can help. Get in contact with the team at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au or refer to our guide.

The **Planning for Agriculture in Rural Land Use Strategies Guideline** provides councils with guidance on how to plan for the needs and growth of agriculture in land use planning strategies for rural land or when undertaking a comprehensive review of all land uses in a local government area.