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## **CATTLE OWNERS PREPARE FOR NEW BIOSECURITY MEASURES**

*Consumer demand for safe food has led to increased biosecurity measures for cattle producers*

### **EVENT SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> SARINA //**

Recent changes to biosecurity regulation for cattle producers will come into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Reef Catchments is holding a workshop, presented by industry representatives, to help graziers understand their requirements for biosecurity plans including pest and weed management. The workshop will be held at Sarina Show Grounds, Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 2.30pm and is free to attend.

Sophie Glasser, Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer at Reef Catchments said, "We've had a increasing number of enquiries about biosecurity plans. This is an opportunity for graziers to come together with industry to discuss all things pests, weeds and biosecurity planning."

Biosecurity and Grazing officers from the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries will differentiate between the October deadline for Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) accreditation, and the requirements of the Johnes Beef Assurance Score (J-BAS). Speakers from Local Government and Reef Catchments will discuss weed identification and biosecurity best practice.

A speaker for the event Walkerston Veterinarian Ben Brightman said " Keeping Johnes disease off your property is in every producer's best interest. Biosecurity is important for protecting your property from disease and weeds that can affect your business."

### **GRAZING BIOSECURITY WORKSHOP**

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
**Time:** 8:30am for 9am start until 2.30pm  
**Venue:** Sarina Showgrounds, Bruce Highway, Sarina  
**Cost:** Free for landholders, morning tea lunch provided, drinks will be available to purchase  
**RSVP:** By Monday 4 September 2017  
Reef Catchments on (07) 4968 4200 or [reception@reefcatchments.com](mailto:reception@reefcatchments.com)

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