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# Primary producer tax concessions

## Newsletter content

Primary producers can access Australian Government tax concessions to help them build their reserves and manage risks like drought.

Some tax measures can help you improve your cash flow and strengthen your farm business.

These measures include:

* Farm Management Deposits, which let you set aside pre-tax income in high-income years and draw on it in future years when you need it.
* Tax averaging, which evens out your income and tax payable so you don’t pay more tax over time than others on similar, but steady, incomes.
* Immediate deductions for infrastructure such as farm fencing, pumps and pipes, dams, fodder sheds and silos.

Other tax measures can help you through tough times such as drought.

They include options to spread or defer income received due to drought, disaster or emergency animal disease outbreaks – for example:

* profit from the forced disposal of livestock
* proceeds from double wool clips, when circumstances force you to shear your sheep earlier than usual
* insurance payments for loss of livestock or trees.

Farmers in financial difficulty can also ask the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) about:

* adjusting pay as you go (PAYG) instalments to better suit their circumstances
* providing more time to pay, including payment plans with interest-free periods.

Call the ATO emergency support line on **1800 806 218** sooner rather than later to learn more.

Visit [ato.gov.au](https://www.ato.gov.au/business/primary-producers/?utm_campaign=drought&utm_source=articles&utm_medium=web) or talk to a registered tax professional to see what tax measures apply to you.

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* Farm Management Deposit accounts
* tax averaging
* immediate deductions for infrastructure such as farm fencing, pumps, dams, fodder sheds and silos.
* options to spread or defer income received due to drought
* ATO emergency support line 1800 806 218.

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