

# G'DAY FROM BANNOCK BRAE

Newsletter 40

JULY AUG SEPT 2015

## NO FARMERS....NO FOOD!

As most of you would know, Kieren & I are passionate about farming. It's in our blood and country is running through our veins. We hail from generations of farmers who have farmed our land for over 100 years and we hope that one day there's a viable future in it for our boys.

We love the lifestyle, the freedom, the space, the connection with the land and animals and the history. Sure it's long hours, constant pressure

and huge responsibility but to us it's the best lifestyle in the world.

But it's also challenging and sometimes Mother Nature delivers the cruelest of blows. We are always at her mercy.

Right now our hearts go out to our fellow-farmers who are struggling every day just to survive. The drought is having far-reaching and devastating effects and now more than ever farmers everywhere need your support. We're actually



Generations of farming ....

becoming an endangered species! You can do this easily by simply changing your buying habits. Just buy local and buy Australian which supports Aussie farmers everywhere. We are proud Aussie farmers and we proudly support other local farmers too!

## Our New Charity

In keeping with our urgent plea to support Aussie farmers, we've also become a collection point for funds for AUSSIE HELPERS— a voluntary organisation we have so much respect for.

Aussie Helpers is on the ground everyday helping to ease the devastating effects of the drought in practical ways— providing hay for starving animals, everyday essentials to families and above all support in such

soul-destroying circumstances. Drop some loose change in the collection tin on our counter at Highfields or talk to us about how you can help. ALL funds go directly to farmers in need. Remember NO FARMERS= NO FOOD!

### BRISBANE DELIVERY RUNS

AUG 13/14TH

(Order by 4th August)

SEPT 10th/11th

(Order by 1st September)

OCT 8th/9th

(Order by 29 September)

NOV 12th/13th

(Order by 3rd November)

\*\$10 Delivery fee applies to all orders.

## DOWN ON THE FARM....

The implementation of a new feed-mill system has had positive effects all round. Not only has it cut the noise and dust from milling grain to virtually nothing and cut Kieren's hours on this particular job significantly, but we are already seeing benefits at the other end too. The cattle we produce for consumption are grass fed for 90% of their lives. It is only in the couple of months leading up to slaughter that we add a grain ration to their diet for consistency purposes. But now it seems with improvement in the grain milling that the cattle are

doing even better and are ready in less time too. A tick in every box!

Up until now the frosts have been quite mild but the latest cold snap has whipped up the cold westerly winds and has every thing on the farm looking for an escape to warmer spots. The cattle disappear up into the hills and graze up there out of the cold, only appearing when they hear the tractor with a round bale on to fill them up again! Bring on Spring!



Our niece Tillie snuggling up to a woolly friend

### PA'S RAINFALL REPORT

APRIL—35mm

MAY—126mm

JUNE—8mm

## DID YOU GO?

Perhaps you were one of the 4000 or so people who attended the first Toowoomba Farmers' Market at a local farm not far from here. If so you would have enjoyed the beautiful fresh produce, the relaxed country atmosphere and the hospitality of local farmers. Everything from fresh leafy greens, local honey and local meats to buying your own backyard chooks was

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on offer. Stay tuned for the next one said to be planned for September. Another great way to support local Aussie Farmers!

## NEW PRODUCTS IN STORE NOW!!!

- Apricot glazed Chicken
- Apricot & Macadamia stuffed chicken breasts
- Mushroom & Teriyaki Chicken Stirfry
- Garlic Wursts & Beersticks
- New sauces—choose from Poppyseed, Lamb sauce, Curry Mango, Sticky Fingers BBQ, Garlic & Summer Rain

## THANKS A LOT!

Congratulations to Trish Cutler—the winner of our \$100 Favourite Cut competition. Next draw will be 31st August.

A huge thanks to all of our valued customers for your continual support. By supporting us you are also supporting other local

producers, local companies and local jobs. The catchphrase "Every family needs a farmer" is so true but quite honestly every farmer also needs people just like you to support them too. Think local, Buy local.

Til next time

The team @ Bannock Brae



Our beautiful working girls Ellie & Skye take a break!