



FARMERS AND FIREFIGHTING

HOW THE NSW RFS AND FARMERS WORK
TOGETHER TO KEEP EACH OTHER AND OUR
COMMUNITIES SAFER.



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The NSW RFS is part of every rural community and we work together with farmers to help make our communities safer. This engagement plan has been developed in partnership with farmers from across NSW. It highlights key initiatives to work better together before, during and after fires.



LOCAL DECISIONS

Farmers and local communities are key members of local Bush Fire Risk Management Committees making local decisions for their local community.



FARM FIRE PLANS

Preparing an acreage for fire is different to a suburban home. Farm Fire Plans provide tailored support for farming enterprises to prepare for fire and protect their assets.



GETTING READY

Get to know your local brigade ahead of the fire season. Be aware of the season outlook and keep up to date. If you're using fire on your property, know the conditions and whether any restrictions apply. Use tools relevant to your business like the Grain Harvesting Guide, and register your heavy plant with the NSW RFS.



FARM FIRE UNITS

Farm fire units are part of the team when a fire starts. A new operational guideline will help farmers prepare, communicate and integrate with firefighters.



RURAL LIAISON OFFICERS

Working with locals during major fires, Rural Liaison Officers are there to work with incident controllers and local farmers to understand what's important for locals and achieve better outcomes for everyone.



LOCALLY-LED ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Part of recovery is preparing for the future. Engagement Programs like Hotspots and Get Ready Weekend support communities to get involved, take the lead, and become better prepared together.



FARM FIRE UNITS

The NSW RFS is working with farmers to deliver guidelines for farm fire units working on the fireground. It aims to ensure we all work together and keep each

other safe as we protect our communities. Ahead of this season, make sure you and your equipment are ready. Follow these simple steps to keep each other safe.

PREPARE



- Know your local Brigade and how to contact them.
- Have your PPE readily available during fire risk days.
- Ensure your farm fire unit is working, safe and legal.
- Check your pumps, hoses and firefighting equipment.

COMMUNICATE



- If a fire starts, call Emergency Triple Zero (000).
- If safe to do so, assist and keep small fires small.
- Speak to first arriving fire crews using UHF 5.
- Move to a local channel as agreed, keep contact.

INTEGRATE



- Talk to Brigade Officers and share local knowledge. Collaborate on the plan.
- Inform firefighters about what's important to you on your property.
- Follow the plan and direction of firefighters to keep each other safe.
- Don't forget to tell someone if you leave the fireground, go home or go to get water.



It's everyone's responsibility to keep each other safe on the fireground, including landholders, farmers and firefighters.