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Quota increase will aid northern producers

The announcement that Indonesia will increase the number of Australian cattle it will import by an additional 25,000 head of cattle in the next three months comes as a relief to Australian beef producers, particularly in northern Australia.

The Cattle Council of Australia today said that this announcement comes as welcome news to northern producers who had been struggling to find markets for their cattle, particularly due to dry conditions in the north.

“Cattle Council is positive about the Prime Minister’s discussions with the President of Indonesia and encourages the Government to continue to collaborate with Indonesia to provide market options for the northern beef industry,” said Cattle Council President, Andrew Ogilvie.

“It is critical that the Government continue to work with Indonesia to plan for long term certainty in the market, both for Indonesian consumers and Australian producers.

“The supply situation has become critical in Indonesia and, as there are no weight restrictions being placed on these cattle so Australian producers will be able to supply animals that are ready for slaughter.

Mr Ogilvie says “Animal welfare continues to be a priority for Australian producers and it is positive that the Indonesian Government has given recognition and support for Australia’s regulatory requirements in the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS).

“There are great opportunities for Australian beef producers through the Indonesian trade and Cattle Council would like to acknowledge the significant efforts of the Federal, Northern Territory, Queensland, and Western Australian Governments in helping to secure additional export opportunities.

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