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## QGC adds 350sqkm to Queensland's agricultural production

Natural gas company QGC has added 350sqkm to agricultural production in Queensland through partnerships with farmers and graziers.

The QGC-owned land, from Dalby to Wandoan in southern Queensland, represents more than half the number of properties the company owns to accommodate gas wells and associated infrastructure.

The agreements for share farming and agistment, on 22 of the company's 41 properties, involve 4,500 head of cattle and 1,500ha of irrigated and dry-land crops.

QGC Managing Director Derek Fisher said the company would continue to manage its land for high-productivity agriculture and enter partnerships with farmers and graziers because they are best placed to make the most of the land.

"We acknowledge we are in the gas business, not agriculture, and recognise that farm production has been taking place successfully alongside gas infrastructure in Queensland for more than 10 years," Mr Fisher said.

"Cattle are grazing and crops are thriving in the same paddocks where wells are producing gas right across the Surat Basin and now increasingly on our own property.

"Through leasing, share farming and agistment agreements, local rural producers are improving their economies of scale."

In 2012, QGC accepted a proposal from three farmers to grow crops and run cattle on its Tharlane property in the Fairymeadow district near Miles, about 300km north-west of Brisbane.

The property, which has 34 wells and associated infrastructure, has just produced a high-yielding winter sorghum crop averaging 6.5 tonnes a hectare.

QGC has improved pasture and vegetation management on many of its properties and will continue to invest in high-productivity agricultural ventures.

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