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Final report and case studies, FarmGAS calculator

A final report of the FarmGAS calculator project has now been released. The report contains the results of a number of case-study farm businesses.

"The FarmGAS Calculator has been developed to enable farm business managers to firstly gain a better understanding of the greenhouse emission implications of their farm management decisions, and also to provide a tool that will enable farmers to test a range of different farm management scenarios to gain a better understanding of potential future options," says Mick Keogh Executive Director of the Australian Farm Institute.

This new release provides the results arising from a number of case-study farm businesses that have been analysed using the FarmGAS calculator, the first comprehensive, multiple-enterprise, greenhouse emissions calculator that has been developed for Australian farm businesses. The case studies detailed in the report include:

- * Case Study 1: Dryland, mixed (cattle weaners, sheep wethers, winter crops)
- * Case Study 2: Dryland, livestock only (cattle weaners, sheep prime lambs)
- * Case Study 3: Dryland cropping only, crop areas = winter 60% summer 40%
- * Case Study 4: Feedlot Steers
- * Case Study 5: Intensive piggery
- * Case Study 7: Irrigated cropping (Queensland)
- * Case Study 8: Beef production Northern Territory

The report is accessible free-of-charge on the Australian Farm Institute website.