

**Barb Madden**  
**Co-owner, Smithfield Feedlot**  
**and Chief Finance Officer, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.**

Barb Madden is a co-owner and Chief Finance Officer of Smithfield Feedlot, a 20,000 head intensive beef production enterprise, situated in Proston, south east Queensland. Barb is also the part-time Chief Finance Officer for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

Barb was honoured as Queensland's Rural Woman of the Year for 2009, along with National Runner Up - Rural Woman of the Year. She was awarded these prestigious honours based on her vision for primary industries in creating national partnerships between indigenous beef producers and key supply chain sectors, through the development of a commercially sustainable cattle feeding and training business model.

Barb is a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program.