

FARM BUSINESS UPDATE WAGGA WAGGA

FARM TO PROFIT



Wagga Wagga, Wednesday 8 August 2018

Rules Club Wagga, 188 Fernleigh Rd, Wagga Wagga

9.30 am to 4.10 pm (doors open at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start)

Topics

Flexible stubble management: reaping returns to the bottom line

The long-term GRDC Stubble initiative project has identified specific management strategies that can be beneficial to maximise financial returns while reducing herbicide resistant weeds in stubble retained farming systems where crops are established with either disc or tyne seeders. The agronomic results from the 4 year experiment have been analysed in terms of whole-farm economics. The key drivers in whole farm performance with retained stubble farming systems and their implications will be discussed.

Presenters: *Tony Swan, CSIRO – John Stevenson, Farm Manager, Warakirri Ag Trusts*

Investigating disc seeding, including the stripper front system ('Strip 'n' Disc')

Operating at the efficiency threshold is challenging, growers are pushing to create more resilient systems that rely less on rainfall timing and more on storing every drop of available moisture.

The findings from field trials and practical applications will be aligned with financial analysis and accompanied by a testimonial from a local grower, who is managing the day to day challenges of maximising return for effort.

Presenters: *John Francis, Holmes Sackett – Greg Condon, Grassroots Agronomy*

Dual purpose cereal varieties – improving livestock returns without impacting crop yield

Buoyant livestock prices are one of the drivers behind an increase in the number of growers opting for dual-purpose crops across New South Wales. Traditionally oats has been the main crop used for this purpose however with the shift to higher value grain crops, the focus is now on winter wheat, triticale and barley as the grazed crop.

Studies by NSW DPI have shown that selecting the right species and cultivar can significantly increase overall production of the grazed crops in a mixed farming system.

Economic models will demonstrate the financial impact of management decisions.

Presenters: *Peter Matthews, N.S.W. Dept of Primary Industry – Cam Nicholson, Nicon Rural Services*

Closing Keynote presentation by: Dr Alison Kennedy, National Centre for Farmer Health

Dealing with & managing stress

How do we identify the stress triggers in our lives and the lives of those around us? Dr Alison Kennedy will provide practical insights on dealing with and managing stress when faced with uncertainty or adversity.

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Morning tea, lunch and proceedings included.