

5 February 2008

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Fertiliser inquiry timely

The NSW Farmers' Association strongly supports the Federal Government's request that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) carry out an inquiry into fertiliser price hikes.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says farmers have been very concerned about the price and availability of fertiliser for some time, and recently the situation has worsened.

He says on the wake of Australia's worst ever recorded droughts, farmers now face escalating crop input costs and supply uncertainty. [Click here to read more...](#)

Grower certainty – Government must deliver

The NSW Farmers' Association is calling on the Federal Government to attend a series of grain grower meetings being held by the Association around NSW in late February 2008.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the meetings are to inform grain growers about the Association's policy position in support of the Single Desk, the Federal Government's policy position on wheat marketing, and the Wheat Export Marketing Alliance. [Click here for more.](#)

Young Farmers catch up

The Young Farmers' Committee is hosting two forums in February – one in the North and one in the South of the State. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the Committee, as the forum's will host debate on the blueprint for the Committees future, as well as discussions on upcoming events and issues. The NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie will be in attendance and is encouraging all farmers under 35 to get active! Locations and dates are as follows:

- Tamworth 21-22 February
- Wagga Wagga 28-29 February

For more information contact the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000

Truck width survey

The Association is seeking your help to develop a solution for trucks with over width stock crates, given The Roads and Traffic Authority's (RTA) recent moves to strictly police these vehicles.

The Association has raised its concerns with the RTA and is encouraging Members who own a truck and particularly a movable stock crate to complete a survey the Association is running to give it more quantitative evidence to support its case. To access the survey please [click here](#).

International Men's Health Week 2008

Foundation 49, a men's health awareness organisation have announced community grants of up \$1,500 for health awareness activities in International Men's Health Week, 9 – 15 June 2008. Applications close the 29 February 2008, application forms and more information can be downloaded at www.49.com.au

Association training courses

For information about training, dates and locations please email training@nswfarmers.org.au. Please note that registration in Chemical Card or Senior First Aid is required 7 days prior to the workshop date to allow for delivery of home study materials.

Upcoming Region Specific Meetings & Events

Region 3 – Central and Northwest

5 February – W'tn - Stipa- Advanced Grazing Management – 10am-4pm Free – Contact Angela 6845 1044

7 February – Online – Chemical Card refresher – 9am to 12.30 pm Contact Robyn 6884 8822

12 February – Nyngan/ Condo DPI Drought-Lot Tours

21 February – Condobolin – 2008 Conservation Ag. Field Day – 8.30am

26 February – Trangie – GRDC Update – 8.30am to 4.00pm – costs \$35 pp, \$30 add. Person/ farm Contact John 9482 4930

25 February – Online- Chemical Card refresher- 1.00 to 4.00pm Contact Robyn 6884 8822

26/27 February – Trangie Research – Stipa- Advanced Pasture Cropping. Contact Angela 6845 1044

27 February – Dubbo- GRDC Advisor (+Growers) Update- 9.30am rego- Two days \$235, Wed \$145, dinner \$60, Early Bird Available - Contact Erica 9482 4930

28 February – Dubbo – GRDC Advisor (+Growers) Update- 8.30am start- \$145 details as for 27 Feb

29 February – Coonamble – GRDC Update – 8.30 to 3.45pm – costs \$35 pp, \$30 add. Person/ farm contact John 9482 4930

For more information contact Region Services Manager Rick Bremmner on 0427 773 495

Region 4 – Lower New England & Liverpool Plains

12 February – Currububula - Branch Meeting at the Currububula Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Darren Greentree 0427 411 214.

14 - 15 February – Free 2 day Mosaic Workshop at the Bunnan Hall

Starting 9am sharp RSVP to NSW DPI in Scone by Friday 8 Feb, 6544 4900

17 February – Rouchel Farm Family Gathering, 12 midday at the Rouchel Hall. BBQ lunch, soft drinks and entertainment provided free of charge. Jumping castle for the kids, lucky door prizes. RSVP to NSW DPI, by Wed 13 Feb on phone 6544 4900.

19 February – Coolah - Farm Succession Planning, 9am to 4pm. Free for members, \$110 for non members. For more information contact Robyn on 6884 8822 or training@nswfarmers.org.au

21 – 22 February - Young Farmers Forum. Contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214 or greentreed@nswfarmers.org.au

28 February – Tamworth - Suicide Safety Network Meeting 10am to 12pm at Centacare offices. Contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214 or greentreed@nswfarmers.org.au

29 February – Chemical Card Training Cassilis. Contact Robyn on 6884 8822 or training@nswfarmers.org.au

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Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

8 February – Condobolin - Flood Meeting Golf Club 12.30pm start with light lunch

7 February – Lithgow - Chemical Card course at Lithgow Club

9 February – Yeoval - Presentation of awards for RFS service, 10.30am start at the Bowling club

11 February – Orange - Horticultural Branch with Fiona Clarke to talk about employing overseas labour for the Apple Harvest. Nashdale Hall 7.30pm

13 February – Orange - DC meeting at the Parkview Hotel 7.30 start

22 February - In conjunction with Parkes show society a ewe hogget field day and bus trip. Ring S Orr 6864 3282.

For more information on Region 6 meetings contact Graham Blatch on 0427 411 220

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

12 February – Singleton - Bowling Club, 10am - 2pm, BJD meeting (NSW DPI), to develop localised BJD extension strategies for local cattle producers. PH: Trudy Davies (02) 6766 5222

15 February – Camden - Chemical Card Training PH: 6884 8822

For more information on Region 7 events contact Regional Services Manager Frances Vella on 0428 228 818

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

13 February - Griffith - DC Annual Dinner Meeting with Jock Laurie Ex Services Club 6.30pm

14 February – Coleambally - DC “Future of Food and Fibre” Forum 7.30pm

14 February - NSW DPI NAMS workshop for farmers – DPI Yanco 9-4pm

20 February – Coleambally - IREC Broad Acre Field Day, Demo Farm 7.30am start. Iva Quarisa 69601300

20 February - Biggest Blokes Day Out 11am -7pm Pretty Pines Reserve Deniliquin

25 February - NSWFA Chemical Card Course – Jerilderie Contact Robyn Diamond 68848822

28 & 29 February – Wagga Young Farmers Forum

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact Ben Poynter on 6962 9926

Region 10 - Southern Central

6 February – Lockhart - Lockhart District Council Meeting 7.30pm, Lockhart Ex-services Club

6 February – Temora - Young rural women’s Day. PH Sarah Curry at scurry@deltaagribusiness.com.au

13 February – Ganmain - Drought finance meeting, 2pm, RSVP to NERRCS on 6927 6622

28-29 February – Wagga - Young Farmers Forum, farmers aged 18-35 to register contact 1300 794 000

For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM Deb Charlton on 6922 9297.

Region 12 – Western Division

12 & 13 February - Broken Hill - Outback Symposium. Contact Dougall Roberts.

21 & 22 February - Mildura - Mallee Sustainable Farming. Contact 03 50219100

Contact Dougall Roberts for more Information on Region 12 0428 411 221