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Media Alert - Minister's horticultural tour of Sydney basin

The NSW Farmers' Association is hosting the NSW Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon. Ian Macdonald, on a tour of the horticultural industry in the Sydney basin on Monday.

The tour, which will be hosted by NSW Farmers' Association Horticulture Committee Chair Peter Darley, is intended to update the Minister on some of the current horticultural activities in the Sydney basin.

The tour will commence at Richmond, where Minister Macdonald will undertake a guided tour of the Vegetable Demonstration Farm under the auspices of Young Farmer of the Year, Tally Matthews, as well as Association representatives. The Demonstration farm is designed to bring over 350 vegetable growers together to view good management practices and the performance of new varieties.

An industry lunch will be held at Coachella Restaurant, Windsor, showcasing Association Members' local produce prepared by local chef, Allan McCartney. At the conclusion of lunch, Association Members will present and discuss with the Minister the findings of the recent Horticulture Australia Ltd study tour of Netherlands and Belgium's agribusiness parks and the potential to implement these models within the Central Coast plateau.

The Minister will then tour Elf Farm Supplies at Mulgrave to visit Australia's only indoor mushroom substrate producing facility. The tour will conclude with a trip to Elf Mushrooms, Vineyard, the largest mushroom producing facility in NSW as well as a visit to White Prince, the group's mushroom packaging, marketing, and distribution facility.

Date: Monday 17 November, 2008
Time & Location: 11:30am – Vegetable Demonstration Farm, Southee Rd, Richmond (between Londonderry and Castlereagh Rds)
12:30pm – Lunch and Agribusiness Park presentation at Coachella Restaurant, 419 George Street, Windsor (near Railway Station)
3:30pm - Elf Mushrooms & White Prince, 61 Wallace Road, Vineyard

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