

Online Newsletter

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Drought figures

The latest drought figures for NSW show large areas of western NSW have moved out of drought for the first time in seven years. For the first time in two years, 46.1 per cent of NSW is in drought, about a third of NSW is now satisfactory (32.9 per cent) while 21 per cent was marginal (up from 19.5 per cent). Click here for drought maps.

Farmers welcome flood grants for Central West and North Coast

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed the announcement by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and NSW Premier Morris Iemma that grants of up to \$5000 will be provided to flood affected primary producers in the Central West and North Coast regions.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the recovery grants will enable farmers to pay for clean up and restoration activities urgently needed after the floods. Click here for more information.

Scholarship deadline!

The NSW Farmers' Association says time is almost up for would be tertiary scholarship applicants to get their forms in. A previous technical difficulty means any applications submitted the Association's website before 9 January will need to be re-submitted.

There are eight scholarships worth \$5000 each, including a new vocational scholarship.

Forms must be in by Thursday 14 February 2008. Application forms are available from the Association's Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000 and on the website at www.nswfarmers.org.au.

Next generation in the North – get involved!

The NSW Farmers' Association is inviting all farmers and interested people under the age of 35 in the north of NSW to get involved and come along the Young Farmers' Committee forum in Tamworth on 21 and 22 February.

The forum will be held over 2 days, beginning on the 21 February 2008 at the Country Comfort Tamworth Towers, Ebsworth Street, West Tamworth. Both days begin at 8:30. To register, head to the Young Farmers' section at www.nswfarmers.org.au.

Upcoming Region Specific Meetings & Events

Region 1 – North West

18 & 19 February - Wee Waa – Pasture to Pocket Grazing Management Workshop. Contact Col Easton at the Namoi CMA on (02) 6764 5940 for further details.

19 February - Walgett – 2.30pm, Pulse Production Pre-Season Grower Meeting, "Courallie" Goangra Rd. Contact Myles Parker at the DPI on 0419 217 553 for further details.

29 February - Narrabri – Wheat Export Marketing Meeting to be chaired by Jock Laurie 3pm, Narrabri Bowling Club. Contact the Member Service Centre to RSVP on 1300 794 000.

For more information contact Region 1 Service Manager Alicia Wilson 0427 437 103

Region 3 – Central and Northwest

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

For more information contact Region 3 Service Manager Rick Bremner on 0427 773 495

Region 4 – Lower New England & Liverpool Plains

21 – 22 February - Tamworth - 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

For more information contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214 or greentreed@nswfarmers.org.au

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

13 February – Orange - DC meeting at the Parkview Hotel 7.30 start
21 February – Condobolin, call and see us at the Condobolin Conservation Farming Field day. A great weather station to be won.
22 February – Parkes - in conjunction with Parkes Show Society, a ewe hogget field day and bus trip. Ring S Orr 6864 3282 to book
25 February – Bathurst - DC Meeting
26 February – Trangie - GRDC meeting at Trangie Research Station

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
3 March – Cobbitty, Camden Horticulture Branch Meeting, PH: Glenn Fahey 0408 426 061
4 March – Vineyard, Hawkesbury Horticulture Branch Meeting, PH: Joe Danastasi 0418 210 547

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

Region 8 – Lower Central West and Slopes

12 February - Canowindra - Succession planning at the Bowling Club 8.30 till 4.00pm
13 February – Yass - farm financial skills at the Services club 9.00 till 4.00pm
15 February – Forbes - Conservation Farming course at the Services club - ring 6895 1122
18 February – Canowindra - DC meeting with guest speaker at the Services club - ring 6364 0200
21 February – Condobolin - 2008 Conservation Agriculture field day at the Research Station
27 February – Forbes - "Adapting to Climate Change" workshop at Services memorial club - ring 6851 9500

For more information on Region 8 Events call Geoff Knight 0427 773 581

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

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

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