



Commodity and Policy Specific Issues

Through five key commodity and policy areas, the NSW Farmers Association is able to progress the interests of our members. Within each of these areas, there are many important State based issues which the Association is pursuing on behalf of our members in order to ensure that agriculture remains competitive and sustainable in New South Wales.

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND TRADE

- Biofuels
- Transport regulations
- Infrastructure
- State charges and taxes

CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Water
- Resource security
- Native vegetation (including carbon markets)
- Weeds and feral animals
- Climate change

CROPPING

- Grain roads and rail
- Genetic modification
- Market power
- Land use planning

LIVESTOCK

- Animal health
- Animal welfare
- Quarantine
- Animal traceability

RURAL AFFAIRS

- Rural services (education and health)
- Drought and natural disaster
- Bushfires
- Building rural communities
- Telecommunications

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Book a NSW Farmers' Association speaker today.

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Telling Agriculture's Story

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Speakers Bureau

NSW Farmers' Association is the representative voice of farmers in NSW. We represent our members' interests through lobbying political representatives in order to gain the best possible outcome for the farming sector.

We are a dedicated team of Policy Analysts, Industrial Relations specialists, legal advisors and people with years of experience in rural communities. We work hard to develop effective working relationships with key politicians and public servants to represent the concerns of farming families and to achieve effective legislation that benefits farming families.

Agriculture in NSW is a vital contributor to our State's economy with NSW being Australia's most productive agricultural State. Agriculture contributes \$9 billion to the NSW economy and employs over 104,000 people. This represented 23.4% of the total value of Australian agricultural production. As well, agriculture is the biggest land user in NSW with an estimated 63.6 million hectares or 79% of the land mass of NSW used for agricultural activity in 2003/04.

The population of NSW is close to seven million people with 85% of the state's population living near the coast. Three quarters of NSW residents live in the highly urbanised coastal cities of Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle.

As more people move to the urban cities from the bush fewer city residents have country cousins. For a vast majority of NSW residents their understanding of farm life grows smaller and smaller with each generation. Increasingly they have little knowledge of the task of growing the food and fibre found on their daily dinner table.

That is why the NSW Farmers' Association's Speakers Bureau is so important. Our challenge, the challenge of agriculture, is communicating agricultures story beyond the farm gate.

Telling agriculture's story is the objective, and the passion, of the NSW Farmers' Association Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau team is comprised of farmers who have a passion to tell the story of the State's second largest industry.

Each team member has a wealth of personal experience from working on his or her own farm. They are farmers and rural professionals; they are out in the paddock and closely involved in commodity, livestock, environmental and rural issues. They are volunteers ready to take time out of their busy schedules to help increase public awareness of agriculture and rural issues.

NSW Farmers' Association Speakers Bureau helps to promote a greater understanding of farm life, agricultural issues and life in rural towns with folk living in urban communities.

Our speakers are available to speak to civic and community groups, churches, schools or business forums who want to learn more about production agriculture.

What topics can be requested?

There are a range of issues and topics which our speakers can address in their talk with your group. Sometimes the best talks are simply speaking about their farm, family and community. If you wish our speaker to address a specific issue just ask and we will do our best to provide you with someone knowledgeable in that field.

Some of these topics and issues include:

- > Producing Our Food and Fibre – From Paddock to the Plate
- > Trends in Agriculture
- > General Economic Climate for Agriculture
- > The Importance of Trade to Australian Agriculture
- > Understanding Agriculture in General
- > The Impact of Drought on Farmers and Rural Communities
- > Rural Mental Health/Depression
- > Changes Occurring in Rural Communities
- > Biofuels and the Ethanol Industry
- > Biotechnology and Agriculture
- > The Use of Agricultural Chemicals
- > Farming and Animal Welfare
- > Changes in the Australian Livestock and Meat Sector
- > Land Use and Resource Management
- > Topic of Speakers Specialty

How to request a speaker

Requesting a speaker is easy. Complete this form and post or fax it to:

Speakers Bureau, NSW Farmers Association, GPO Box 1068 Sydney NSW 2001. Fax: 02 8251 1750

Or book online at: www.nswfarmers.org.au

Contact details

Name of Organisation:

Contact Name:

Address:

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Tel: Fax:

Email:

Presentation details

Event name:

Topic and/or type of presentation wanted:

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Purpose of presentation:

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Day/Date/Time of Event:

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Location of meeting for presentation:

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Time allocated for presentation? (max. 1 hr):

How many people are likely to attend?:

What type of group are you? [eg School, Community group, Mothers' Group, Rotary etc]:

How much do talks costs?

Generally talks are free. We do ask that you make a contribution towards the speaker's costs of travel [i.e. petrol and accommodation] if required.