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Central West faces future of farming

Central West farmers are invited to come along to the Region 6 Convention this month, and hear Emeritus Professor John Chudleigh discuss the future for farming.

NSW Farmers' Association Region 6 Chair Andrew Martell says Mr Chudleigh is well known as a farm commodity analyst and former rural academic, and will be well worth hearing.

"The question of our future is very much on the minds of many farmers at the moment, and the chance to sit down with farmers from our region and kick this topic around is invaluable," Mr Martel said.

"The forum will also hear about the various and competing arguments in the climate change debate, the Federal Governments proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, the likely effects it will have on the farming community and the actions the Association is taking in regard to this," he said.

This event is free to Members, and includes a dinner. It will be held on Wednesday 24 September, 2008 in Molong at the Baptist Church building from 4pm.

"As well as these big picture issues, we will be discussing local issues such as the new Chain of Responsibility as it applies under the driver fatigue regulations, and our ability to transport stock and fruit in light of these regulations," he said.

"Of interest too is the changes to Rural Land Protection Boards boundaries, and we will be discussing how this might affect us locally.

"I would strongly urge everyone to come along," Mr Martel concluded.

Please RSVP to Andrew Martell on 0429 466 320 or Graham Blatch on 0427 411 220

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