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Focus is on the future at Oyster Industry Field Days

The NSW Farmers' Association Oyster Committee is inviting all oyster growers from the NSW north and south coast's to attend two Oyster Industry Field Days next month.

The Field Days, taking place in Batemans Bay on 9 September and Forster on 11 September, will provide oyster growers with a forum to discuss recent advances in technology and industry issues.

NSW Farmers' Association Oyster Committee Chair Mark Bulley says previous Oyster Field Days have seen more than 100 oyster growers at each event, highlighting the growing importance of the \$35 million oyster industry.

"Oyster farming is the most valuable aquaculture industry in NSW, and has been for well over a century," Mr Bulley said.

"These Biennial Field Days provide oyster growers with a unique opportunity to come together to discuss the big issues facing the industry, and to hear from industry leaders on the challenges and opportunities ahead," Mr Bulley said.

Key speakers at the Field Days will include John Susman of Fishheads Seafood Strategy and Shane Comiskey of CDI Pinnacle Management among others.

A policy discussion session will be held following the Oyster Field Day in Batemans Bay on Wednesday 9 September, while the Association's Oyster Section Annual General Meeting will be held in Forster immediately after the Oyster Field Day on Friday 11 September.

Both Field Days will also feature the much anticipated 'Most Beautiful Oyster Competition' with entries being taken in the following categories: Sydney Rock Oyster, Pacific Oyster and Flat Oyster (Batemans Bay only).

The Association's Oyster Field Days are sponsored by Industry and Investment NSW and the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, with support from the NSW Food Authority and the Land and Property Management Authority.

All oyster growers are invited to attend the Field Days, with a cost of \$5 for Association Members and \$10 for non-Members. Lunch will be provided on the day. For more information, please phone the Association's Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.

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