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Egg meetings plot where to now

NSW egg producers are being invited to seminars this week to explore legislative changes and their impacts on producers.

NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producer Committee Chair Brett Langfield says the intent of the seminar is to look at what the on-farm impact will be of the 2007 layer hen legislation in NSW, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (General) Amendment (Laying Fowl) Regulation 2007.

"The NSW egg industry produces 67 million dozen eggs worth \$104 million at the farm gate which represents 35% of Australian production and all fresh eggs for sale in Australia are farmed here by Australian egg farmers, so you can imagine these changes affect a large number of farmers," Mr Langfield said.

"The seminars will also explore what are the options for those producers with non-compliant cages, and other current issues in the industry," Mr Langfield said.

The meetings will be held in Tamworth and Penrith and will include speakers from the NSW Farmers' Association, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Australian Poultry CRC and the Australian Egg Corporation Limited.

Penrith Meeting	Tamworth Meeting
Date: Wednesday 27 February 2008	Date: Thursday February 28 2008
Time: 7pm	Time: 7pm
Location: Penrith Panthers	Location: Country Comfort Tamworth Towers, Oxley Highway

Please RSVP to the meeting and supper for catering purposes. Phone Ms Sue Freeman - NSW DPI - phone 02 6391 3162 or email sue.freeman@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

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