

# Online Newsletter

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## Top marks for EI

NSW Farmers' Association is pleased at the recent announcement that the NSW Department of Primary Industries has eradicated Equine Influenza (EI) well before its expectations, with all properties in NSW declared EI free.

While the EI free declaration is extremely positive, the Federal Government must focus on ensuring Australia has a top-class quarantine system. Meanwhile, horse owners are urged to stay vigilant and report any sick horses and adhere to the remaining movement instructions to ensure the Government's EI free declaration doesn't turn out to be false optimism.

## Next generation in the south – get involved!

The NSW Farmers' Association is inviting all farmers and interested people under the age of 35 in the south of NSW to get involved and come along the Young Farmers' Committee forum in Wagga on 28 and 29 February.

The forum will be held over 2 days, beginning on the 28 February 2008 at the Wagga Wagga Commercial Club, 77 Gurwood st Wagga Wagga. Both days begin at 8:30. To register, head to the Young Farmers' section at [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au).

## Farmers Association reaches major milestone

The NSW Farmers' Association will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the coming together of three organisations to form the NSW Farmers' Association, with festivities planned throughout 2008.

The Graziers' Association of NSW, Graziers' Association of Riverina and United Farmers' and Woolgrowers' Association amalgamated in 1978 to provide a united voice for the representation of farmers. The Association is running two competitions as part of the anniversary. One seeks to create an oral history for a feature at Annual Conference, and the other is to find the longest continuous member of the Association or any of its original organisations.

People wishing to contribute memories or nominate as the longest continuous member can send details to [emailus@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:emailus@nswfarmers.org.au) or call the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.

## Upcoming Region Specific Meetings & Events

### Region 1 – North West

29 February - Narrabri – 2pm, Narrabri Bowling Club – Narrabri DC meeting  
29 February - Narrabri – 3pm, Narrabri Bowling Club – Wheat Export Marketing Meeting, to be chaired by Jock Laurie. 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 Bremmner on 0427 773 495

### Region 4 – Lower New England & Liverpool Plains

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](mailto:greentreed@nswfarmers.org.au)  
29 February – Chemical Card Training Cassilis. Contact Robyn on 6884 8822 or [training@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:training@nswfarmers.org.au)

For more information contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214 or [greentreed@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto: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  
27 February - Wellington - DC Meeting  
16 March - Rural Community Family Day at Orange Botanic Gardens. Free Buses from Grenfell, Forbes, Eugowra, Cowra, Canowindra, Wellington, Cumnock, Condobolin, Bogan Gate, and Parkes. All locals welcome. Contact 0427 411 220 to get booking information

For more information on Region 6 meetings contact Graham Blatch on 0427 411 220

#### **Region 7 – Sydney Basin**

27 February – Penrith, Egg Producer Seminar. RSVP Ms Sue Freeman - NSW DPI - 02 6391 3162  
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  
25 March – Maitland, Chemical Card Training PH: 6884 8822

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

#### **Region 8 – Lower Central West and Slopes**

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  
26 March – Deniliquin - Branch and DC AGM. Contact Mardi Charters (03)58846623

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact Ben Poynter on 6962 9926

#### **Region 10 - Southern Central**

28-29 February – Wagga - Young Farmers Forum, farmers aged 18-35 to register contact 1300 794 000  
12 March – Coolamon – Grower GRDC Update, RSVP Farmlink - (02) 6924 4633

For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM Deb Charlton on 6922 9297.

#### **Region 12 – Western Division**

21 - 22 February – Mildura - Mallee Sustainable Farming. Contact 0350219100 for more information  
5 March – Menindee – Branch meeting. Contact Dougall Roberts For more Information.  
6 March – Wentworth - Branch meeting. Guest Speaker Louise Burge. Contact Dougall Roberts for more Information.

For information on any events in Region 12 contact Dougall Roberts on 0428 411 221

#### **Region 13 – North Coast**

19 February – Kyogle - Branch meeting, Kyogle Golf Club, 7.30pm start  
06 March - Far North Coast - District Council meeting, Casino RSM Club, 7.30pm start  
01 April – Casino - branch meeting, Casino RSM club, 7.30pm start

For information on any events in Region 13 contact Michael Burt on 0428 228 988