

Online Newsletter

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EC funding extension welcome relief

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed news from the Prime Minister that Exceptional Circumstances (EC) drought declarations will be extended until September next year for the majority of EC declared areas across NSW.

Association President, Jock Laurie, says with the situation rapidly deteriorating across NSW, the extension of EC beyond March 2008 will bring relief for many farmers.

Drought's bite fierce for farming families

The NSW Farmers' Association says the distress being felt in regional and rural NSW due to the current weather conditions is acute.

Association President, Jock Laurie, says many crops have already failed, and dry conditions continue to threaten those hanging in the balance.

Farmers move to Goulburn Street

The NSW Farmers' Association has moved headquarters to a new inner city location.

The new address at Level 25, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney, is two blocks from the Association's former Elizabeth Street headquarters.

The new office has similar facilities to the Elizabeth Street location, yet will save the Association a significant amount of money in rent each year.

WoolProducers' new President welcomed

The NSW Farmers' Association congratulates Nyngan wool producer and former Wool Committee Chair, Don Hamblin, on his new role as President of the national woolgrower representative body WoolProducers Australia (WPA).

Association President, Jock Laurie, says Mr Hamblin brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Horticulture Code advice good for industry

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed the Federal Government's announcement of a horticulture code advisory committee.

The committee's role will be to provide policy advice relevant to the Code to Federal Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon Peter McGauran MP.

Wheat fighting fund key for Single Desk

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging growers to contribute to the Wheat Export Marketing Alliance (WEMA) fighting fund to assist in the retention of the wheat Single Desk arrangements.

Association President, Jock Laurie, says that growers' assistance is vital to maintain the Single Desk structure that the majority of Australian farmers support.

Call for Letters to the Editor

The next edition of The Farm Post is due out in The Land newspaper on 4 October and members are encouraged to submit Letters to the Editor.

The Farm Post has a large readership which includes politicians and government, and is an excellent forum to express your views or concerns.

Please send your letters by Monday 17 September to Louise Lennon, PO BOX 22, Warialda 2402, email lennonl@nswfarmers.org.au or fax 67291 960.

Upcoming Region specific meetings & events

Association training courses

For information about training, dates and locations, please email training@nswfarmers.org.au. Please note that registration in Chemical Card or Senior First Aid is required 7 days prior to the workshop date to allow for delivery of home study materials.

Region 1- North West

20 Sep- Bellata, First Aid

Contact RSM [Alicia Wilson](#) for more information or visit the Region 1 section on the Association website to view the latest newsletter.

Region 2 – New England

12 Oct - Guyra 9.30am start, Regional Convention with presentations from Jock Laurie and Shaughn Morgan. Telecommunication speakers from Telstra and Opel. For more information contact [Gennie Gittoes](#) on 6766 9949.

Region 3 – Central and North West

20 Sept - Dubbo, IR/ EAP/ Fed. Workplace Rel's System– RSL –7.30-9am Acct' & Lawyers FREE

20 Sept - Dubbo, IR/ General EAP – RSL – 10.30-3.30pm FREE Public and members

25 Sept - Warren, Understanding Farm Financial Statements – 8.30-12.00pm - FREE

25 Sept - Warren, Financing The Farm – 1.00pm-4.30pm - FREE

27 Sept - Coonabarabran, DPI Implementing On-Ground ConFarming - Ring Ray Platt 6862 1000

28 Sept - Coonamble, Benchmarking – 8.30-12.30pm – Contact Robyn 6884 8869 – FREE

29 Sept - Coonabarabran, DPI Implementing On-Ground ConFarming – Ring Ray Platt 6862 1000

4 Oct - Trundle, UFFS and Financing the Farm – FREE

4 Oct - Coonamble, GRDC Update Planning – Bowling Club – 12.00-2.00pm

5 Oct - Nyngan, Business Planning and Benchmarking – FREE

5 Oct - Trangie, GRDC Update Planning – Research Stn – 9.00-11.00am

For more information contact [Rick Bremner](#) on 6845 3842

Region 4 – Lower New England and Liverpool Plains

19-20 Sept - Gunnedah, Centre Pivot and Lateral Moves training course. 8.30am – 4.30pm, \$330 incl GST, limited to 15 people. Contact: Debbie Atkins on 4570 1763 or 0415 135 457

For more information contact [Darren Greentree](#) on 0427 411 214

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

19 Sept - IR at Bogan Gate

21 Sept - Rylstone with Telstra

26 Sept - "Building Beef Returns" Orange Field day site

27 Sept - First Aid course Bathurst

For more information contact [Graham Blatch](#) on 6366 9104.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

24 Sept - Maroota, Chemical Card™ Training for Orchardists. Limited places; PH: NSW Farmers Association Training 02 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

19 Sept - Mental Health night at Cootamundra

20 Sept - Climate Change Forum at Cowra

3 Oct - Farm Financial skills training at West Wyalong (Free)

16-18 Oct - Australian National Field Days at Orange

22 Oct - Succession Planning workshop at Yass

23 Oct - Succession Planning workshop at Cootamundra

For more information on any events in Region 8 contact RSM [Geoff Knight](#) on 6369 1701

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

26 Sept - Ardlethan DC, 'GM Information Update, Contact Mike O'Hare

28-29 Sept - Deni Ute Muster

10 Oct - Ardlethan DC Silo Safety Day, 10am start

18 Oct - Jerilderie, First Aid Training

19 Oct - Griffith, First Aid Training

24 Oct - Deniliquin, IR Seminar

1 Nov - Association President Jock Laurie to visit Griffith DC

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact [Ben Poynter](#) on 6962 9926

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro, South Coast

25 Oct - Goulbourn, MLA More Beef from Pastures Regional Expo - NSWFA Will have a display at this Expo

The Region 11 August Update has been issued to all members with fax and email and is available on the Website or by contacting Liz Young on 6453 7111.

Region 12- Western Division

20 Sept - Bourke, Sam Bailey's Inspirational Talk at Kidman Camp, Bourke

3 Oct - Kilfera Field Day (near Ivanhoe)

2 Nov - Balranald Branch Meeting

For more information contact Regional Service Manager [Dougall Roberts](#) on 0428 411221

Region 13 – North Coast

28 Sept - Casino, Chemical Card Course

3 Oct - Bellingen branch meeting, Diggers Tavern, 7.30pm start

3 Oct - Lismore/Alstonville branch meeting, Lismore Workers Club, 7.30pm start

5-6 Oct - Pro-Ag Field Days, Macksville Showground

11 Oct - Grafton branch meeting, South Grafton Ex-Serviceman's Club, 7.00pm start

17 Oct - Lismore, IR Seminar- Employer Advisory Program on the Federal Workplace Relations System, 12.00 to 3.00pm

For information on any events in Region 13 contact RSM [Michael Burt](#) on 65642355