

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF SOIL INPUTS

Managing Soil Fertility & Opportunities for Alternative Fertilisers

As part of the International Year of The Soil, the Riverina Highlands Landcare Network have organised a workshop looking at soil nutrients in grazing systems.

The workshop will run through key components required for producers to make a more informed decision on what is the most effective fertiliser to apply to pastures before the 2016 autumn break.

Speakers include:

Dr Richard Simpson, Research leader in Pasture Systems CSIRO, will present on nutrient cycling in pasture systems, with an emphasis on phosphorus. Nutrient cycling in soils is an essential component of grazing systems and the ability to determine current soil nutrient status is key in fertility management planning. Soil sampling is used to determine the current soil nutrient status,

Nathan Ferguson and Dr Jim Virgona, Graminus Consulting, soil sampled over 450 paddocks in 2014. They will demonstrate how farm plans (maps) can be used to deliver soil fertility results across properties and subsequently used to determine fertiliser application rates. They will provide a snapshot of 2014 soil fertility status of the 450 paddocks.

Fiona Leech –South East LLS will present the results from the long established Alternative Fertiliser Trials. Alternative fertilisers have been on the radar of many producers since record single super phosphate prices several years ago. This trial compares the effect of alternative and commonly used fertilizers on increasing soil fertility and pasture growth in native pastures.

When 9.00 –12.00am Wednesday
11th November 2015

Where: Adelong RSL

The aim of the workshop is to help producers improve their knowledge and understanding of soil fertility and tools to develop management plans.

All landholders are welcome to attend

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