

Addressing the skills shortage

Labour Management Workshop



Australian Government
Department of Education,
Science and Training

When: 8 November, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Moree Services Club, Moree
Who: Mike Stephens
How Much: \$99 including GST...includes meals and a workshop manual.
To Register: phone Darren Bayley 1800 025 520

This will address the skill needs of cotton farmers as they take on the role of human resource manager for their farm business. The workshop will cover all aspects of staff management in a modern cotton production enterprise. The workshop topics include:

- job descriptions
- interview techniques
- recruitment options and agencies
- induction and training
- traineeships
- matching skills to jobs
- incentives and recognition
- performance appraisal and feedback
- developing career opportunities

The workshop facilitator, Mike Stephens, is internationally recognised in the field of human resource management. The flexible, interactive style of the workshop will allow key questions of the group participants to be addressed.

APVMA suspension of highly volatile ester (HVE) formulations of 2,4-D

The APVMA have advised that they have suspended the registration of the highly volatile ester (HVE) formulations of 2,4-D for the next 12 months. This suspension does not mean that these products will be unavailable. However, it does place restrictions on their use pending a final decision on the future of these products. In summary these restrictions include:

- Suspension of all 2,4-D HVE formulations until April 2007 during which time the manufacturers will generate new data in response to the APVMA's concerns regarding environmental impacts.
- The imposition of a no-spray window from the beginning of September to the end of April. **The combination of the no-spray window and the suspension means that 2,4-D HVE's cannot be used before May next year.**

- The removal of existing uses in sugar cane, aquatic applications, rights-of-way, and as a harvest aid and salvage spray in cereals.
- A limit on the maximum application rate to 800 grams active 2,4-D per hectare.
- The imposition of a 100 metre buffer zone between the sprayed area and downwind native vegetation, water bodies and sensitive crops.

If the data being generated by manufacturers does not address the APVMA's concerns, then there is every likelihood that the registration of all 2,4-D HVE formulations will be permanently withdrawn next year.

The APVMA will only consider permits in exceptional circumstances for use during the no-spray window for the current 2006/07 season. Permit criteria and a list of affected products are available from the APVMA website www.apvma.gov.au

Irrigated grains field walk

Friday 27th October

9.30-11.00am

"Yeovil" Farm, Carroll

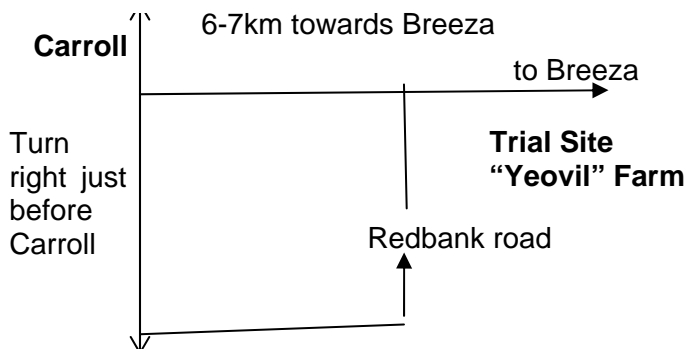
- One pass establishment – crop architecture with reduced row spacing and improved sowing accuracy. Machinery on site
- Cereal varieties for irrigation
- Winter and summer grains for Ethanol production

12.00-1.00pm

"Dialynn" Farm, Boggabri

- Fungicide and plant growth regulators
- Place for high yielding wheat in the crop rotation for irrigated systems
- How you can be involved

to Tamworth



to Gunnedah

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