

New Regional Cotton Extension Officer for the Gwydir Valley and Walgett.

Hi All,

I have recently taken on the position of Regional Cotton Extension Officer for the valley, following on from Julie O'Halloran. I was previously working at Landmark here in Moree, therefore many of you will be familiar faces. There are however, many of you who I am yet to meet, and look forward to doing so in the near future.

I encourage any questions, concerns or issues that you may have, and if I can assist growers and consultants in any way, please feel free to contact me on 6750 6308 or via email at lauryn.hanna@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Cheers,
Lauryn Hanna

Gwydir Valley Cotton Crop Competition

I am currently seeking entries for the 2007/08 Crop Competition. Both irrigated and dryland crop entries are encouraged. Crops are judged on crop management, ginned yield and profitability (this is based on standardised costs). Please note that yield is only a component of the criteria; whole farm practice, BMP and variable inputs are also assessed, therefore I urge all growers to enter this year's competition.

Growers can enter one field, with a minimum area of 20 ha to be nominated. Both conventional and Bollgard II[®] crops will be considered and all information provided by the growers is kept confidential unless otherwise approved by the grower.

For entry forms please contact myself on 6750 6308 and completed entry forms should be returned as soon as possible to the DPI office.

Forms can be faxed to 6752 4859.

For any further questions, please contact me on the above number.

Cotton and Grains Irrigation Workshop

Series: Recognition for your skills

The Cotton and Grains Irrigation Workshop Series consists of eight workshops that have been developed to give Cotton and Grain Industry personnel the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques.

The workshops in the series are:

- Benchmarking and Water Budgeting
- Scheduling I
- Scheduling II
- Pumps
- Surface Irrigation
- Performance Evaluation
- Storage and Distribution Systems
- Metering, and
- Irrigation Systems

A scheduling workshop will be held on Wednesday 12th March 2008, from 9 am to 12 noon at Stahmann farms 'Trawalla', 35 kms east of Moree on the Gwydir Hwy.

The scheduling workshop involves:

- Describing the process of Evapotranspiration
- Calculations of Crop Evapotranspiration (crop water use) to schedule irrigations
- Discussing plant response to stress at varying stages of crop development, and
- Analysis of trends in daily water use to schedule irrigations.

For further information and to register for the course please contact Stuart Bray on 6741 8367 or via email stuart.bray@dpi.nsw.gov.au



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Gwydir Valley Field Day Committee Update

The Gwydir Valley Field Day Committee met two weeks ago to discuss the upcoming field day. This year's field day is still in the planning and will be held towards the middle of the year. This allows us to review the current season in full and preview the 2008/09 season. More information will be sent once when dates and an agenda are finalised.