

* EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FROM MIXED FARMERS *

Are you interested in improving your sheep productivity and performance?

Do you want to have a good plan in place to make the decision making process easier throughout the season?

Are you interested in understanding how to better match your feed to your sheep requirements and fluctuating seasonal conditions?

Do you want to know how altering your sheep and cropping mix will impact on your bottom line and level of risk?

An exciting new opportunity has been made available to mixed farmers on Eyre Peninsula in 2019 – express your interest now!

Thanks to a GRDC funded project '*Extension of knowledge and resources to manage risk and exploit opportunities to improve whole farm profit through successful integration of cropping and livestock enterprises in the GRDC Southern Region*', we are able to offer two 'supported learning groups' on Eyre Peninsula in 2019.

Program: The 12 month program includes six workshop/field based sessions over the year, along with 15 hrs of personal consulting time for each farm business. The one to one consulting time enables the knowledge and tools from the workshop sessions to be customised to each individual farm.

Titled '*Utilising the feedbase in a mixed farming business*', this workshop program brings together key aspects of the Grain and Graze project and other local R&D into a whole farm package that addresses the management and matching of different feed sources with animal requirements.

The program will be led and supported by local deliverers Jessica Crettenden and Naomi Scholz.

A range of simple tools will be used to assess grazing value of stubbles, compare the value of grazing a crop against possible grain yield loss, understand how bringing short-term pasture into a crop rotation affects overall profitability and risk and the use of livestock and feedbase management approaches to assist in making tough decisions.

The program also includes access to an innovative 'Farm Options' program tailored to mixed farming businesses to assess enterprise risk and volatility according to farm management methods and seasonal conditions. An important part of the program is identifying critical decision points and contingencies for when things don't go according to plan.

INVESTMENT: At this stage, the investment per business for the whole 12-month program is \$1800 (multiple participants per business are encouraged to attend), but we are currently seeking further funding support to bring the cost down.

LOCATION: Location of workshops will be tailored depending on level of interest – if you can encourage a group of local farmers to be involved, we can bring the workshops to a venue near you!

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