

‘Sticky beaking’ further a field.

Encouraging farmers to access and exchange information between regions is part of the objective of the Ag Excellence Alliance. This month’s article is dedicated to a regional guide of coming field days and workshops that will be run by Ag Excellence Alliance groups over the coming months.

If you are interested in attending an event outside your region you are encouraged to contact your local farming systems group or Michael Richards, Project Office Ag Excellence Alliance, to discover if subsidised transport is running from your area. Other sources of assistance for growers to attend events outside their region may be available to members of the Agricultural Bureaus of SA or the Crop Science Society. Every effort has been made to ensure field day details are correct but you are encouraged to contact event organisers to confirm information.

Eyre Peninsula

SANTFA Logo August 20th – CASE IH and SANTFA No-till workshops 8.30am to 12noon at Rudall Football Club or 1.30pm to 5pm at Ungarra Football Club. Leading WA agronomist Wayne Smith ‘learning plant language’. Members \$115.50, non members \$190. More information Deb Baum 8842 4278.

LOGO August 21st – Minnipa Ag Centre Field Day 8.45am to 5pm at Minnipa Ag Centre. Topics include: productive potential of EP soil types – varying inputs and subsoil moisture, the effect of sowing system on farming system, new varieties, barley for grain and grazing, wide row farming. More information on cost, catering and accommodation contact MAC office 8680 5104.

September 20th – 2007 EPARF Field Day – Cereal Disease Focus Day at Minnipa Ag Centre. The States top leaf and root disease pathologists are joined by wheat rust expert Prof Robert Park, University of Sydney. More information contact MAC office 8680 5104.

Yorke Peninsula and Upper North

August 21st - CASE IH and SANTFA No-till crop walk and workshop, 8.30am to 5pm at Crystal Brook Football Club. Morning workshop see EP August 20th Afternoon crop walk - visiting Brian Tiller & Brendon John at Warnertown, UNFS Grazing Trial, Yield for Profit Site, yield mapping, auto steer, variable rate, Concord, Flexicoil, Simplicity and Agmaster. More information Grant Bammann 0427 642 841.

YPASG LOGO September 5th – Yorke Peninsula Alkaline Soils Group Site Inspections at Port Vincent, Brentwood and Minlaton, 1-30 pm to 5pm. Topics include: ryegrass management trial, pasture trial, NVT pulse varieties, NVT barley varieties. More information contact YPASG office 88532 241.

October 5th – Upper North Farming Systems Field Day. Trials and Yield Prophet will be two of the features. More information contact Charlton Jeisman 8664 1408.

October 10th - Yorke Peninsula Alkaline Soils Group Spring Tour, 2pm to 6-30 possibly followed by dinner & after dinner speaker. Topics include: integrated pest management, barley agronomy trails, Genesis 090 Chickpeas, NLP Pollination Trial, NVT wheat varieties. More information including bus departure points contact YPASG office 88532 241.

Mid and Lower North

HART LOGO August 23rd – Hart Spray Application Workshop at Hart Field Site, 9am to 12.30pm or 1.30pm to 5pm. Topics discussion and demonstration spray booms and direct injection systems and droplet size for weeds and reducing drift. Cost \$20/person booking is essential – contact Monica Trengove 88423565. More information contact Peter Hooper 0427 225 590.

September 18th – Hart Field Day - More information contact Peter Hooper 0427 225 590.

Mallee

August 22nd CASE IH and SANTFA No-till crop walk and workshop, 8.30am to 12.30pm at Waikerie RSL. Morning workshop see EP August 20th. Crop walk bus departs Formby's Depot (Loxton) 11am, with a pick-up opposite Waikerie Bakery at 1pm. comparison of a Concorde & Great Planes Disc Seeder. inter-row nutrition with a Bourgault seeder and using variable rate, SANTFA Trials inter-row weed control and soil moisture profile monitoring on wide row and narrow sown crops. More information contact Peter Treloar 0427 427 238.

August 24th CASE IH and SANTFA No-till crop walk and workshop Mannum Barn. Morning workshop 8.30am to 12pm, see EP August 20th. Buses leave for crop walks at 12.45pm. Topics include: property; converted machine, medium term no-till, integrating sheep with no-till. short term no-till, no-till in sandy soils, integrating sheep with no-till, long term no-till, liquid fertilizers & sheep free system. More information Sharon Starick 8569 4001.

MSFP LOGO September 4th – Mallee Sustainable Farming Project Field Day, 8.45am to 3.30pm at Waikerie. Topics: zone management & APSIM modelling, managing frost, Grain & Graze, varieties, on farm grain storage, nutrition and soil biology. The day will also include a 'No-Till Forum' after lunch where local farmers will share their expertise in overcoming no-till issues. \$20/head including field day book and BBQ lunch. More information contact Peter Treloar 0427 427 238.

South East

23rd August CASE IH and SANTFA No-till crop walk and workshop Mundulla Football Clubrooms. Morning workshop 8.30am to 12pm, see EP August 20th. Crop walk – cars depart 1.00pm return at 5.00pm. Topics include: next step no-till with a focus on Nutrition in heavy and light country, fungicide and trace element application, liquid fertilisers and SANTFA/Nufarm Trials. Morning tea provided—Lunch BYO or available nearby. More information Wade Nickolls 8577 8700.

AGBUREUA LOGO September 20th Harvester - Yield Monitoring & Mapping workshop, Keith. If you want to know what is required to start yield monitoring and how to do it then this day is for you. Representatives from the major suppliers of yield monitoring software will be on hand as well harvesters fitted with yield monitoring software. More information contact Craig Bell, 0427 002534.

MACKILLOP LOGO 17th August - MacKillop Group Crop Walk, 3pm starting from Glenvarlock - Wayne and Sally Hawkins - 3 kilometre south of Frances on the Naracoorte road, followed by AGM 6.15pm Frances Hotel. More information Ken Solly 08 87620895.

31st October – MacKillop Group Crop Walk, Frances and Sherwood. More information Ken Solly 08 87620895.

1st November - MacKillop Group Crop Walk Moyhall and Conmarra. More information Ken Solly 08 87620895.