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DOUBLE CROPPING FIELD DAY AT ECHUCA



FIELD DAY: A maize crop in a double cropping trial near Echuca towers above Dale Boyd and will be showcased later this month. PHOTO: Courtsev Vic. DPI.

Irrigated mixed farmers and growers interested in double cropping are invited to attend a short field day near Echuca on Thursday 28 February to showcase the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) double cropping trials, which are now in their third year.

Seed company representatives will provide information on summer crop varieties and tips to growing them, and consultant Rob Fisher of Agronomic Results will discuss how these crop types can fit farmers' systems. Cobram DPI's Dale Grey will also be in attendance to field any questions on soybeans.

DPI agronomists will also discuss gross margins and lessons learnt from the trial site, which is currently growing soybeans, maize and sorghum.

From Echuca, travel 10 kilometres east along Bangerang Road, turn left over Stewarts bridge on the Goulburn river, travel 10.5 kilometres along Echuca/Nathalia Road (dirt) and then turn right at the River Bend Caravan Park sign. Head along bush track (one kilometre) to a farm clearing.

The field day starts at 9:30 am and finishes before lunch. To attend the day, growers and agronomists are advised to reply by Friday 22 February to Dale Boyd, Echuca DPI on 54821922 or Rob Fisher, Victorian Irrigated cropping council on 0428545263 (fax 03 5452 2313).

MARCH DOUBLE CROPPING FIELD DAY AT COLEAMBALLY

Irrigated mixed farmers and growers interested in double cropping are invited to attend a breakfast field day at Coleambally on Tuesday 18 March to learn about farmers' experiences with double cropping and summer and winter cereal options for double cropping.

The field day will also showcase a water use in soybeans trial, part of the Australian Oilseeds Federation and Grains Research and Development Corporations' Better Soybeans project.

Presenters will include Brisbane-based soybean breeder Andrew James of CSIRO, Luke Gaynor, soybean and pulse research agronomist from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Kieran O'Keeffe, Coleambally District Agronomist, also from the NSW DPI.



DOUBLE CROP FIELD DAY: Queensland-based soybean breeder, Andrew James of CSIRO will speak at a double cropping field day at Coleambally in March. PHOTO: Felicity Pritchard.

The field day will be held at Bellatos' farm behind Riverina Machinery Coleambally and start at 7:30 am for a barbecue breakfast, and finish before midday. To help catering for the day, growers and agronomists are advised to reply to Kieran O'Keeffe , by Friday 14 March on (02) 6960 1319 or 0427 207 406.

IPM WORKSHOP AT GRIFFITH IN MARCH

A one-off training workshop on integrated pest management of soybeans and summer and winter pulse crops will be held in Griffith on 18 March, designed for agronomists and leading growers.



WORKSHOP: Integrated pest management will be the focus of a one-off training workshop in Griffith in March.

PHOTO: Felicity Pritchard

and Kieran O’Keeffe of the DPI and Pulse Australia’s Trevor Bray will also provide practical information on managing insect pests in soybeans and pulses.

Presenters will include Kingaroy-based Hugh Brier, senior entomologist with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, who has extensive experience using integrated pest management approaches in summer cropping systems.

Entomologists Sandra McDougall and Jo Holloway from the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries will also provide support for the hands-on identification of pests and beneficial insects. Luke Gaynor

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BEATING THE BUGS: A one-off training workshop in Griffith will focus on the integrated management of soybean and pulse pests. PHOTO: Courtesy QDPI&F.

The afternoon will include a bus trip to Coleambally to monitor soybean crops.

The workshop is funded through the National Invertebrate Pest Initiative of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the oilseeds industry development officer project of the GRDC and Australian Oilseeds Federation, and Pulse Australia.

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