

THIS HEALTHY SOILS WORKSHOP
IS PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION:

An Introduction to PASTURE CROPPING

cropping and grazing in one land management system

Learn about
pasture cropping
at these
all day workshops
2nd MARCH 2009
and
28th MAY 2009

TOPICS COVERED:

- ▶ Native Grasslands
- ▶ Grassland Function
- ▶ Pasture Cropping
- ▶ Grazing Management
- ▶ Soil Health
- ▶ Seeding Equipment
- ▶ Fertiliser
- ▶ Cropping Organically
- ▶ Gross Margins

Cost is \$200 per person or
\$150pp for more than one
from the same enterprise.

Murrumbidgee Irrigation
customer costs are
fully covered by the
MIA EnviroWise
Education Incentive.



Lower your input costs
while improving your soil fertility!

For generations traditional farming methods have eradicated all weeds and grasses because they were thought to compete with crops for nutrients and moisture.

Pasture cropping is a zero tilling technique of sowing annual cereal crops into living perennial pastures that has changed this notion of crop competition. The benefits of native grasses are both ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL.

An independent study found that pasture cropping is '22% more profitable than conventional agriculture.'

Come along and learn more:
2nd March 2009 or 28th May 2009

Murrumbidgee Irrigation Conference Centre
Research Station Road, Griffith.

8.30am: Registration
9.00am to 1.00pm: Indoor presentation
Break: Lunch provided
1.30 to 4.30: Outdoor field study

(bring your outdoor clothing, hat, sunscreen etc.)

Colin Seis will be presenting this workshop.
(Central West Conservation Farming Association's 2005
Conservation farmer of the year.)

Colin is one of the pioneers of pasture cropping and has been using these methods on his Gulgong farm for over 15 years. The benefits have been dramatic. They include improvements in soil health, improved water use efficiency, general improvement in ecosystem function and large increases in plant biomass which dramatically increases soil carbon levels.

There are now over 1,000 farmers pasture cropping cereal crops into perennial native grass with good results. The cost of growing crops in this manner is a fraction of conventional cropping. The added benefit is that up to six months extra grazing is achieved with this method, compared with the loss of grazing due to ground preparation in traditional cropping methods.

The potential for profit and environmental health is enormous.

Increase farm profit by an incredible
22%!

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL: Either phone (02) 6962 0200 with your details, or fax this completed form to (02) 6962 0209

Name:

Address:

Phone: Mobile: Fax:

I wish to attend the workshop on (please tick date preference) 2nd March 2009 28th May 2009

MIA Account Number:..... Number of Participants:

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