



Gilbert River Cropping Opportunity Workshop

Date : Thursday 20th June 2013

Venue: Georgetown Shire Hall, Followed by Property Cropping/Irrigation Tour

Booking: Etheridge Shire Council Ph: 4062 1233 (for catering purposes)

Etheridge Shire Council, CSIRO and DAFF invite interested people to attend an informative day reviewing potential cropping opportunities for the region. The day also includes visiting the cotton and guar trials on Tronks Camp and irrigation design on Prestwood Station.

AGENDA

8.00 am Start	Coffee, meet and greet
8.30am - 9.30am	Cotton Industry Overview Presented by Dr Steve Yates: (CSIRO)
9.30am -10.00am	Northern Cotton Perspective. What has been learnt from the Burdekin experience Presented by Paul Grundy: (DAFF)
10.00am -10.15am	Morning tea
10.30am -11.00am	Cropping opportunities for the region: chick peas, mungs, rice, pulse crops and other crop opportunities Presented by Steve Rogers: (Blue Ribbon Rice)
11.00am -11.30am	Cropping guar a northern opportunity prospective. Presented by Tony Matchett: (Australian Guar Company)
11.30am -12.00am	Overview of irrigated legume fodder evaluation trial. Why, what, how and the potential project outcomes Presented by Kendrick Cox: (DAFF)
12.00am -12.30am	Irrigation 101. What constitutes good Irrigation design & applications for the region Presented by Graham Harris: (DAFF)
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Agricultural Production Systems Simulator (APSIM) Modelling Why, how and the value behind such Modelling Presented by Perry Poulton: (CSIRO)
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Lunch (Quick presentation on drought assistance)
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Bus Drive to Tonks Camp : Crop tour cotton & guar as well as other general cropping information Presenters; Grant Randall, Steve Yates & Tony Matchett
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Bus Drive to Prestwood: Irrigation concept & design Presenters; Maurice Marnane & Graham Harris
5.00pm to 5.30pm	Bus Drive back to Georgetown

