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