

Climate Adaptation for the High Rainfall Agricultural Zone

Southern Farming Systems Module



Thursday 11th March 2010

9:45 am to 2:45 pm *(Morning Tea & Lunch will be provided – there is no cost for this module)*

Dunkeld Bowling Club, Memorial Park, Dunkeld

(Behind the Swimming Pool)

Southern Farming Systems are running a series of climate change adaptation modules. The modules are intended to increase farmer awareness of options and strategies for dealing with climate change and climate variability by providing knowledge of available resources, understanding of best practices and findings from relevant climate adaptation research.

Agenda:

The impact of climate change for farmers in the High Rainfall Zone

Graeme Anderson *Climate Specialist, Farm Services Victoria, Department of Primary Industries*
Graeme will discuss the factors driving a shift in Southern Australia's climate and will provide an overview on climate change issues and introduce the 3 key impact themes for farmers (responding to changes in climate, policies/regulations and trade implications).

Understanding seasonal risk

DeAnne Price *Climate Specialist, Grains Industry, Farm Services Victoria, Department of Primary Industries*

DeAnne will explain the key drivers that deliver rainfall to the Western Districts and the tools available to farmers to aid in decision making and managing seasonal risk.

Maximising your cropping potential in a changing climate

Ben O'Connor *Southern Farming Systems, Research & Extension Agronomist*

Ben will report results from SFS research with some practical messages for High Rainfall Zone cropping enterprises for dealing with climate change. Topics include optimising subsoil moisture, variety selection, time of sowing, canopy and stubble management.

Farmers' Forum

Mark McDonald *Southern Farming Systems, Chief Executive Officer*

The forum will involve workshop participants in a discussion on how they currently manage seasonal risk. Mark will mediate the forum to discuss farmer challenges in dealing with climate change.

Please bring your thoughts.

Numbers are limited to 15 attendees so early registration is advisable.

Please RSVP by Friday 5th March for catering purposes

I / we will attend the Climate Change Adaption Module in Dunkeld on Thursday 11th March 2010

Name(s)

Member/Non Member (Please Circle)

Town

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For more Information or to Register please contact Michelle McClure

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"Very Relevant. Gives good industry scope without government"

"Most useful to on-farm change"