



**SOUTHERN
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Climate Adaptation for High Rainfall Zone Cropping

Southern Farming Systems Module

**Wednesday, 10th March 2010
9:45 am to 2:45 pm**

Lake Bolac Community Sporting Complex
(access from Montgomery Street)

Southern Farming Systems is running a series of climate 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.

This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry under FarmReady, part of "Australia's Farming Future".

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided – there is no cost for this module

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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).



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
National Landcare Programme

Understanding seasonal risk

Chris Sounness

Climate Specialist - Grains Industry, Farm Services Victoria, Department of Primary Industries

Chris will explain the key drivers that deliver rainfall to the Streatham district and the tools available to farmers to aid in decision making and managing seasonal risk.

"Finally, a sensible and practical approach to climate change and what it means for farmers"

Maximising your cropping potential in a changing climate

Ben O'Connor

Research & Extension Agronomist - Southern Farming Systems

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, and canopy and stubble management

Farmers' Forum

Mark McDonald

Chief Executive Officer - Southern Farming Systems

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

"Very relevant. Gives good industry scope without government jargon"

Numbers are limited to 15 attendees so early registration is advisable

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I / we will attend the Climate Adaptation Workshop in Lake Bolac on Wednesday 10th March 2010
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