

Groundcover Options – Pasture Cropping Workshop

Thursday 28th April 2016

Venue: Bendoc CFA Facility + Field Visit

Delivered by Colin Seis,

a pioneer of pasture cropping in Australia

What is Pasture Cropping?

Pasture cropping is an innovative land management technique that enables annual crops to be sown directly into perennial pastures whose competitive capacity has been repressed by grazing and/or selective herbicides. 'Pasture cropping' thereby maintains living plant cover on the soil that:

- ✓ enhances soil biological health,
- ✓ increases nutrient cycling,
- ✓ improves soil structure and water use efficiency
- ✓ reduces soil erosion
- ✓ can enhance soil carbon

Paddocks can be grazed until the crop is sown, strategically during winter, and following grain harvest. Although the yield from a grain crop may be lower than traditionally sown crops, the real gains from 'pasture cropping' are greater profitability and reduced risk as the input and labour costs are very low.

<http://www.pasturecropping.com/pasture-cropping>

A system of 'multi species pasture cropping' is now being developed with the aim of further improving forage quality and soil health even more than single species pasture cropping.

This workshop may help you to experiment and innovate on your own place.

Who is Colin Seis?

Colin is a pioneer and champion of 'pasture cropping' in Australia. He owns 'Winona' a 840 Ha property near Gulgong in NSW where he runs fine wool Merinos and 200 ha of oats, wheat and cereal rye.



Colin was the winner of the 2014 Bob Hawke Landcare Award and the 2007 Carbon Farmer of the Year Award. The Weekly Times (Jan 2015) suggested Colin is a visionary and one of the most influential farmers in the world.

Come and find out WHY...

The workshop includes a theoretical session, a farm walk to explore pasture cropping. Sturdy boots and outdoor clothing recommended.

COST: Thanks to funding from the National Landcare Program via the East Gippsland CMA, participation at this workshop is free.

TIMES: Start at Bendoc CFA 9am, finish by 4pm

CATERING: A BBQ lunch will be provided by Bendoc CFA volunteers

Bookings essential: RSVP Mark Chaplin by 20th April 2016

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