



## EPARF – Minnipa Ag Centre e-update July 2015

### New website now live!!

Check out the new EPARF website, [www.eparf.com.au](http://www.eparf.com.au) with a fresh new look and heaps of project information, coming events, past reports and lots more. A special member section will be added soon, with access to EPARF day booklets and first look at research results. If you want to keep updated with local agricultural information and events as they arise, please subscribe (subscriber list will not be provided to any external parties).

### Frosts and spraying

Plenty of frosts on EP. The general rule of thumb for broadleaf spraying after frosts is to wait 24hours before applying herbicides after the first frost, 48 hours if you have experienced 2 or 3 consecutive frosts. For some grass selective herbicides, frosty weather after application can have a big impact on results. Avoid applying grass selective herbicides if a frost is expected or likely in the 2-3 nights following application.

### Boomspray decontamination

Don't forget to decontaminate boomspray units thoroughly. Chemical labels usually contain detailed instructions on decontaminating. Not all herbicides require the same procedure so carefully check the label.

### Nitrogen budgets

Now is the time to reassess your nitrogen budget. Some areas of EP have good soil moisture levels and crop potential. If you have deep N soil test results from early Autumn, you can use these as a guide to how much N will be required to achieve a target yield. If you don't have soil test results, use your best guess based on previous experience, last year's grain protein levels, and the physical appearance of the crop.

## Coming Events in 2015

Nutrition Crop walks – funded by GRDC More Profit from Crop Nutrition, in conjunction with Birchip Cropping Group and EPARF, are being held on upper EP.

8-Jul	Lock/Murdinga Nutrition crop walk with Andy Bates 1-4.30pm	Meet at Lock Footy Club	Linden Masters 0401 122 172
9-Jul	Wudinna/Yanineee/Mt Damper nutrition crop walk with Andy Bates 8.30-11.30am	Location TBC	Luke Nettle 0448 891 082
9-Jul	Minnipa Ag Bureau nutrition crop walk with Andy Bates 12.30pm onwards	Location TBC	Gareth Scholz 8680 5286

EPARF Member Day – ‘Innovation and Technology’ from 1pm-6pm on **22 July**, demonstrating new practical management tools available in agriculture.

- Engineering for sustainable agriculture - James Barr Uni SA
- Weed sensing and mapping - Sam Trengrove
- Long range forecasting - Graeme Anderson DEPI VIC
- Go protein sensors - Ashley Wakefield
- Water leak units and Soil moisture probes - Shane Oster
- Livestock innovations - Michelle Cousins
- Apps for farmers - Leighton Pearce
- eXtension - Gavin Beaver

It will be a very interesting program. Free entry for EPARF members, \$132 for non-members. Contact Dot for more information on 8680 6200.

MAC Field Day – Celebrating 100 years on **2 September**. Free entry for EPARF members, \$10 for non-members. Contact Leala on 8680 6200.

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