

Newsletter

Pyrenees Hay Processors Co-operative Ltd.

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IMPORTANT

INFO

PRE-CUTTING

Hay should have good colour and a good sweet smell, the plant should be at the early milk to late milk stage. Remember to cut your crop with a mower conditioner at the height of a stubby bottle, for adequate airflow around the crop.

Pray for good weather!

PRE-BALING

Ring the office **2 days prior** to baling, so we can organise for someone to come out and core your first bales for feedtest samples. This is very important if you intend to store hay at the Co-op. If you can store it all on site, we can core your bales in the shed.

STORAGE

ALL STORED HAY MUST BE ABLE TO BE IDENTIFIED TO WHICH Paddock IT CAME FROM - THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

SILO TARPS

All hay should be stored in sheds on silo tarps or black plastic - Silo tarps range in price from \$50 - \$200 depending on quality. Speak to Caroline or David regarding location of tarps for sale.

SEED FOR NEXT YEAR

If your crops do not make the grade for export oaten hay this year, they may be suitable to harvest for seed. Please ask David Jardine to inspect.

DAMAGED OR REJECTED HAY

If your hay is rain damaged or rejected, please keep in contact with the Co-operative about selling it domestically. Please fax Caroline the specs of your hay, tonnes, reason for rejection etc.

FEEDTESTING

All feedtesting done in the paddock, will be at the expense of the farmer. Any rain damaged hay, that is intended for the Co-operative, will be required to be feedtested.

There will be a course run on correct methods of sampling, if enough interest can be generated. Please confirm interest by contacting Caroline at the office 5465 3633 ASAP.

SAMPLE BAGS AND FEED TEST DISCOUNT

Sample bags, specific for Co-op hay are available at the office. All co-op members are entitled to a 15% discount on feed test costs. To receive this discount a cheque MUST be sent with the sample.

Co-op discount price on NIR package \$39.25 (inc GST)
Nitrate testing is optional (additional) \$11.55 (inc GST)

Hay corers available through the Co-op \$120

New Staff Members

The Board are pleased to announce the appointment of

David Jardine

David grew up in Natte Yallock on a sheep property. After his education in Natte Yallock and Maryborough, David returned home to the family farm and also worked for a neighbour for nearly thirty years, managing his cropping enterprise.

Following this David initiated the Avoca branch of Wesfarmers and after two and a half years has developed the business, provided agronomy work to clients and been in charge of general merchandise.

In his spare time, David still co-runs a farm at Natte Yallock with his brother and they have wool, prime lambs and mixed cropping.

Over his life David has acquired knowledge and expertise, focusing on cropping developments.

David is looking forward to the challenges of the Hay Manager position and we are all sure he'll be an asset to the Co-operative and an excellent resource for members.

David can be contacted on 0429 653 633

Through an arrangement with the Co-operative Federation of Victoria, all Co-operative Members are entitled to a **Special Discount Pricing Membership Card** at Clive Peeters.

Clive Peeters sell everything from televisions to toasters, dishwashers to dust busters.

Contact David Griffiths at the Co-op Fed'n for a card, quoting membership no. CPS1000

03 57 282 005

Latest developments

- First bale has been processed
- Plant has been installed and commissioned
- Share Capital - \$310,000 has been raised, very close to reaching our second target of \$350,000
- Plant shed has been completed
- 1 hay shed completed, 2 hay sheds to be lifted next week
- Weighbridge is operational
- Power has been connected
- Site office is now the main office (moved from old library)
- Concreting completed
- Expect to be processing hay next week
- A number of marketers are being considered - Potential markets look to include Japan, Korea and Taiwan
- Road and site development is almost complete
- Shire have offered rate relief for 2 years and are constructing the entrance and road developments with funding from Dept. State & Regional Development

Share offer is still open closes 30 November 01

Reminders:

- No children or passengers are permitted to leave vehicles.
- All truck drivers **must** wear safety vests while out of vehicle.
- The site is a **non-smoking** site.
- No unauthorised personnel are permitted in the processing shed.