

Newsletter

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MMV Grant

Online Crop Profile and
Shipment Tracking System

PHPC Snippets

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to this newsletter with the announcement that we have been awarded a Multi Media Victoria Grant, which shall be auspiced by the Pyrenees Shire, worth about \$48,000.

The grant will enable us to implement a web based communication tool for use between the Co-op and growers; and to develop a supply chain management system encompassing the entire chain from the grower to the processor to the selling agent to the international customer.

Online Crop Profile and Shipment Tracking System

The key outcomes of the project will be:

1. A web based communication tool for use between PHPC and the growers:
Newsletters, field trial results, quality control procedures published to a website, a secure password protected online crop profile and shipment tracking system updated directly by the grower.
2. A web based supply chain management system encompassing the entire chain from the grower to the selling agent to the international customer:
 - The hay will be tracked from the farm, into the PHPC site via the weighbridge into the holding sheds and then into the processing plant. The status of the hay will be updated on the crop profile system
 - Shipments will be tracked from the plant to the port and to the end destination with the customer
 - Payments and feedback comments on each shipment will be recorded against that shipment in the system

We are absolutely thrilled that we have been awarded this grant and believe that this will greatly improve the information technology capabilities of our members. This will also play a major role in ensuring our quality control of the entire supply chain from the farmer to the customer.

Plant has been running well, have had a few hours down for regular maintenance, but apart from that all is running well. We are currently pressing wheaten straw - we are trialing ~800 tonnes of that this year and also one shipment of oaten straw. Plant runs a little slower with the straw, and it is harder to get the weight in the bales, although with a few modifications by the team in the plant, we have had some good container weights so far!

David is busy sourcing hay and working out which hay is to come in first. If he hasn't been around to see your hay yet, he wont be far away.

Also I have been asked to remind you - NOT to pick hay up with pallet forks - as this compacts any dirt that may be under the bales up into the bale. This is a QA issue - please be aware of it & have some hay forks made. Thanks

WASTE HAY AND STRAW

For anyone who is interested in coming to get some good quality waste hay or straw - the cost is \$20 per 6x4 trailer and \$40 per 4 wheel trailer. Enquiries at the office.

WEIGHBRIDGE REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that the old account system is not in operation for the weighbridge anymore. If you want to come and weigh during the day or after hours, you are required to have a weighbridge account set up - that must be in credit, so come in with your cheque book, and we'll get it set up and issue you with a dallas tag, or two!

Snippets from the Australian Fodder Industry Associations (AFIA) Newsletter

- Feedback from Feedtest is that, on the whole this seasons hay has out performed last seasons, in terms of Protein Energy and Sugars.
- Hay imports into Victoria are under review. This legislation is intended to control the import of hay infected with Annual Ryegrass Toxicity (ARGT)
- Oaten Hay exports into Japan Oct-Dec 2000 totaled 92,222 tonnes (ABS). For 2001 it was up to 94,915t, this was despite BSE fears.
- AFIA Conference will be 28th - 31st August 2002 at the Vines Resort in the Swan Valley, north of Perth. Enquiries 03 9890 6855 Anne

These newsletters are available for reading at the Office during business hours

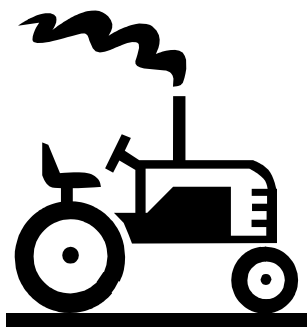
Time Management for Busy People

We are pleased to announce that we shall be running a course on Time Management on July 5th, 8.30 - 4.30pm so you can pencil it in the diary! It will be held at the Mill, in Avoca. You will be sent some information about it in the next month.

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GROWERS MEETING

It is highly recommended that all interested growers of export oaten hay for next season attend this meeting



DATE: Monday 29th April

VENUE: DM Wine Bar, Victoria Hotel, Avoca

TIME: 6.30pm for 6.45pm start

Tea and coffee will be served on arrival

GUEST SPEAKERS

DAVID JARDINE FROM PHPC

BRENDAN O'HEARN FROM DUPONT

JASON PITT FROM NUFARM

We look forward to seeing you on the night, please confirm your attendance by phoning the office on 5465 3633 or by faxing your reply on 5465 3835 by April 26th 2002.