



MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD WEEKLY NEWS

Tuesday 14th February 2012

The Carbon Farming Initiative Free Workshop

The Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) is a carbon offset scheme established by the Australian Government to provide new economic opportunities for farmers and landholders and help the environment by reducing carbon pollution.

The DFI provides the mechanism and opportunity for land managers to create income from activities which avoid greenhouse emissions or sequester CO₂ on the land. The workshops will present information on the CFI and carbon offsets and provide attendees with an opportunity for public engagement and understanding of the Initiative. The workshop aims to better inform attendees of opportunities, barriers and risks to carbon offsets from CFE projects.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, 23 February, 2012 at the Edge Hotel/Motel from 9:30am to 3.30pm. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided courtesy of the Carbon Farming Initiative.

To reserve your seat call Susan Walla on (03) 5021 9460 or email susan.walla@cma.nsw.gov.au and RSVP for catering purposes.

Fruit Fly Detections 3rd to 8th February

Area	# Qfly	Action
Murrabit	1	Supplementary traps and larval searching
Speewa - NSW	1	No Action
Koondrook	3	Under Chemical Control
Barham East	7	Under Chemical Control
Barham Nth East	9	Under Chemical Control
Barham Nth West	10	Under Chemical Control
Swan Hill	Larvae	Extends Outbreak
Euston	1	No Action
Robinvale	2	No Action
Wemen	1	No Action
Tol Tol	3	Extends Outbreak
Swan Hill	2	Extends Outbreak
Tooleybuc	1	Extends Outbreak
Narrung	1	No Action
Boundary Bend	4	Extends Outbreak
Swan Hill Nth W	Larvae	New Outbreak
Swan Hill	1	Extends Outbreak
Buronga	2	Extends Outbreak
Cabarita	1	Supplementary traps deployed
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Permanent Qfly Check-point on Sturt Highway

The Victorian Government is negotiating with its New South Wales counterpart to establish a permanent fruit fly roadblock on the Sturt Highway leading to Mildura.

State Parliament was told last week that the roadblock would target motorists travelling from eastern New South Wales where fruit fly was endemic.

The Nationals' Deputy Leader and Minister for Agriculture and Food Security Peter Walsh said motorists would never know whether there would be an inspector at the roadblock and would therefore be more careful about bringing fruit into the state.

Mr Walsh said the Department of Primary Industry had achieved "outstanding results" in the horticulture industry in Mildura and in the greater Sunraysia area.

Source: Sunraysia Daily 12 February, 2012

Law and the Future of Food Conference

The Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture (CIPA) and the Griffith Law School have organised a one-day conference, bring together international and national speakers to look at the important role that the law is able to play in improving and enhancing global food security.

This is a free conference and will be held on Friday 30th March, 2012 at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Registrations are essential. Call Carol Ballard on (07) 3735 7772 or email c.ballard@griffith.edu.au for all enquiries.

Fruit Fly Fight Must Continue

The Tri State Fruit Fly committee which is funded by the MVCB, SA Citrus Board and Riverina Citrus is calling on State and Federal Governments to ensure sufficient resources are available to continue the fight against fruit fly and eliminate outbreaks in Victoria and New South Wales. While it is acknowledged that State Governments have put in a supreme effort to combat the existing outbreaks within the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone (FFEZ) in New South Wales and Victoria, pressure must be maintained to ensure the outbreaks are eliminated and ongoing programs established to prevent future outbreaks. All stakeholders need to play their part (Industry and Government) to ensure key export markets worth billions of dollars to the Australian economy are protected.

To help spread the message that fruit must not be taken into the FFEZ, the Tri State Fruit Fly committee has approached 50 councils to post our TV commercial on their websites. The commercial features celebrity chef Stefano encouraging travellers to leave their produce behind

Diary Dates:

23 February – The Carbon Farming Initiative Workshop, 9:30am to 3:30pm, The Edge Hotel/Motel, Buronga

24 February – 8:30am, Use of Copper for Disease Control, MVCB Board Room, 58 Pine Ave, Mildura