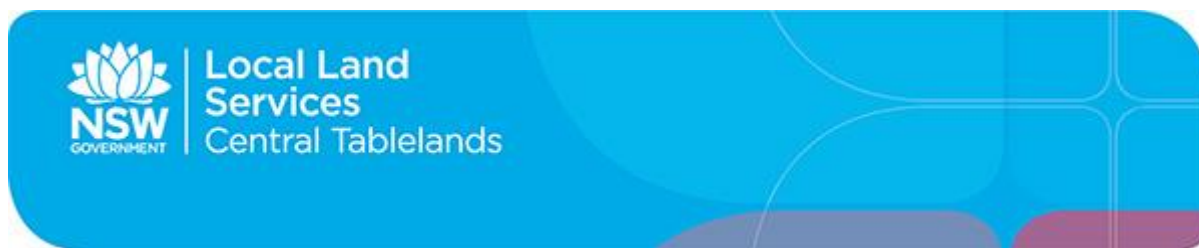


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[New biosecurity tool for alpaca producers](#)

Australia's alpaca industry plays an important role in the livestock value chain with an estimated 150,000 animals across the country. A recently developed [biosecurity tool](#) will help prevent and control diseases in both alpacas and llamas.

[Emergency animal diseases and plant pests in NSW - call the hotline](#)

Most [emergency animal diseases](#) such as foot and mouth disease, rabies and mad cow are exotic to Australia but can have severe impacts if they become established here. Landholders need to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspected emergency animal disease on 1800 675 888.

Landholders can also report [exotic or emergency plant pests](#) on 1800 084 881.

[New approach to detecting Phylloxera](#)

A project to develop sampling strategies for accurate and cost-effective [detection of Phylloxera](#) has collected over 500 soil samples since 2013. The project is continuing to fine tune the findings for use by the wine industry.

[Bees at risk](#)



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Nosema warning - Beekeepers are being urged to monitor their hives closely after mating flights showed that the so-called 'silent killer' [Nosema apis](#) can be sexually transmitted from infected drones to queens. Nosema is a highly infectious gut fungus which gives bees dysentery, reduces their lifespan, and can cause queens to stop laying eggs - leading to the collapse of a colony.

Varroa mite - Quarantine officials recently intercepted a colony of invasive bees carrying the Varroa mite which has the potential to have a catastrophic impact on food crops in Australia. [Landcare Australia](#) is currently raising funds to provide a lost-cost form of surveillance that will monitor hives for early detection of bee threats.

[Chemical safety and training](#)

SMARTtrain provide nationally accredited courses in the safe and effective use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals. There are several [upcoming courses](#) with flexible training options for both level 3 and level 4 training.

[Long-term grazing trial links productivity benefits to improved grazing management](#)

A Queensland [study](#) has been testing a number of grazing scenarios to determine sustainable and profitable strategies for managing beef production in a highly variable climate.



[New Regional Landcare Facilitator at CTLLS](#)

Liz Davis has been appointed to the new role of [Regional Landcare Facilitator](#) at Central Tablelands LLS. Liz is a well known Landcare

advocate and will be providing support and advice to Landcare organisations across the region.

[Carbon Sequestration Project](#)

The Australian Government's Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) is currently providing incentives for the development of eligible greenhouse gas abatement projects. Some types of permanent tree plantings including existing plantings, planned new plantings, or assisted regeneration may be eligible to earn a revenue stream from carbon credit units contracted to the ERF. For EOI's contact Verterra Ecological Engineering on 07 3221 1102 <http://www.verterra.com.au/>

[Turon baiting strategy keeps wild dogs at bay over winter](#)



The Turon Wild Dog Association has recently finished laying almost 5000 baits across the Turondale region in a strategic cross-property [baiting program](#) to reduce wild dog and fox numbers.

[When to topdress your pastures?](#)

Pastures Officer Clare Edwards, provides this [overview](#) of the correct timing for topdressing with phosphorus and sulphur while keeping environmental and productivity factors in mind.

[Canopy management strategies for wildflower crops](#)



A new [publication](#) is available for growers of Australian wildflowers that discusses the benefits of different canopy management practices that increase commercial yield of both flowers and foliage.

TSR update



Travelling Stock Reserves are valued for their grazing, environmental and cultural attributes. Within the Central Tablelands LLS region, TSR's have recently been targeted with a number of management activities including weed control and planting, and were the focus of two [field days](#).

Be alert about rural crime

[Rural crime](#) costs millions of dollars every year and includes theft of livestock, produce and equipment, illegal shooting, and trespassing. The NSW Police Force needs the community's help to identify people involved and is encouraging landholders to report knowledge of rural crime.

Events

3rd July - [A date with Dick Richardson](#), Adelong

7th to 10th July - [National Carbon Farming Conference](#), Albury

Learn about new methods available through the Government's Direct Action including case study presentations by early adopters who have earned money to drought-proof their properties. Talk to Project Developers who will help guide farmers through the process of deciding the method/s they should use when registering for carbon credits.

For further information or to register, contact Louisa Kiely on 6374 0329 or email louisa@carbonfarmersofaustralia.com.au

10th July - [Graham Centre Sheep Forum](#), Wagga Wagga

10th July - [2015 Funding and Grants Program Launch](#), Mudgee

10th and 11th July - [Mudgee Small Farm Field Days](#)

14th to 16th July - [NSW Grasslands Conference](#), Goulburn

16th July - [Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training](#), Rylstone

16th July - [Prograze for horses](#), Lithgow

17th and 18th July - [Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training](#), Mudgee

27th July - [200 Years of Agriculture in Bathurst and Central West Dinner](#)

28th July - [GRDC Grower update](#), Parkes

29th July - [GRDC Grower update](#), Coonamble

29th and 30th July - **Getting the most out of your farm dam**, Woodstock and Bathurst

For more information contact Casey Proctor - 6341 9318 or 0429 110 072

11th August - [Macquarie Valley & Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory General Meeting](#), Dubbo

13th and 14th August - [2015 Agribusiness Forum](#), Forbes

19th and 20th July - **Pump Performance Course**, Canowindra and Bathurst

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September/October - Biofertiliser Course

RegenAg are holding a three day Biofertiliser Workshop in September or October 2015 and are calling for Expressions of Interest. This is a practical, hands-on workshop that addresses soil health, plant nutrition, pest control, fungal disease control, equipment and processes. Learn methods that are scalable and suitable for all farming enterprises.

To register your interest or find out more contact Charlie Arnott at marganpc@bdynamic.org or call 0412 623 422 or 02 6385 3217.

1st to 3rd September - [NSW](#)

[Landcare Conference](#), Orange

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