

AgTrialSites: building knowledge across our landscapes

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Marron and micronutrients/humic acid

Project Details
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2 Comments

Geoff White November 29, 2015
We have plantings of saltbush along with drainage banks that have saved this farm and may be of interest. We are looking at discing access alleys to apply gypsum and pasture.

Fiona Brayshaw December 1, 2015
Fantastic Geoff, Wheatbelt NRM will contact you directly to find out more.

AgTrialSites has been developed as a cross-regional approach to provide landholders with timely information to enhance their agricultural productivity, while also considering environmental sustainability.

Knowledge is Power

This online tool is a cross-regional initiative under the banner of NRM WA that aims to provide information on sustainable agriculture projects across Western Australia to a wide range of users. AgTrialSites provides producers with a one-stop “shopfront” for access to information to on-farm trials that aim to increase agricultural productivity.

It provides up to date information about sustainable agricultural projects being implemented by Regional

Natural Resource Management (NRM) Groups across WA, while allowing users to provide feedback, make comment, or ask questions of the trial’s proponents.

In all, almost 100 currently active trials are available via the site. Most agriculture industries are represented, including broad acre farming, dairy operations, horticulture and aquaculture.

The trials are aimed at providing landholders with guidance and access to information on key issues that they have identified, such as maximising success with perennial pastures, reducing erosion, improving soil health with emerging techniques like use of biochar, and increasing productivity in marron aquaculture.

“Pooling knowledge is worth a fortune to a grower. You can iron out things pretty smartly compared to doing it by yourself.”

(Vaughan Carter, Busselton potato grower)



newsletters and other outlets to ensure that landholders and the broader community are kept well-informed and up to date.

“Up until now there has been a gap where primary producers haven’t been able to easily see what trial work is being done and where. We now have a platform where the results from these trials can be published and easily accessed by other farmers and agronomists.”

(Steve Ewings, SWCC)

Collaborative Approach

The aim of AgTrialSites is not only to improve the sharing of knowledge, systems and practices within the agriculture sector, but also between Regional NRM Groups, and to encourage greater collaboration with and between other key stakeholder groups, particularly Landcare, industry and grower groups.

Regional NRM Groups in WA have a very broad reach, via existing relationships with over 2,500 landholders and a broad range of other stakeholders. This provides our partners with a broad based and strategic opportunity to extend and implement sustainable agriculture practices and initiatives.

The Regions complement this by actively collaborating with industry groups, universities, state development agencies and Department of Agriculture and Food WA. Additionally, Regional NRM Groups provide support through print media, social media,

The Key to Future Success?

For success in achieving long-term sustainable farming outcomes, it is vital to support farmers in creating and maintaining healthy soils, making good farm planning decisions, taking a holistic approach to on-farm native vegetation, managing pests and diseases, and considering climate change.

The AgTrialSites online platform not only provides information to farmers about improving practices and increasing productivity, but also focusses very strongly on community capacity building and ownership of sustaining our agricultural land and rural communities into the future.

And all of this at the click of a button!

Find out more at www.agtrialsites.com.



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