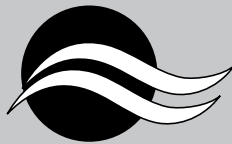


PROfarm short courses 2012

PROfarm short courses are delivered locally by highly skilled and respected NSW DPI staff.

Sydney, Wollondilly, South Coast and Illawarra, Southern Highlands and Tablelands

Courses listed in this brochure can be run at other times and other locations if your organisation has a group of people wishing to attend.



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AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Farming in a Changing Climate (AHCAGB501A)*

Camden—8 May, 19 & 20 June

A three-day workshop to assist landholders prepare and adapt their property for climate change. This course develops a paddock by paddock farm plan to improve and preserve soil moisture stores in drier, hotter conditions. \$1,160

Farmer's Guide to Managing Climate Risk (AHCAGB501A)*

Camden—20 Apr & 16 Nov

This one-day workshop assists farmers, graziers and other land managers reduce risk by monitoring and effectively incorporating weather and climate information into farm decision making. \$275

Introduction to Organic Farming

Sydney Basin—17 Aug

A one-day course for beginners to discover the positives and negatives of growing organics. Includes legislation, OH&S issues, and accreditation. \$260

Managing Land for Carbon (AHCLPW404A)*

South Coast—15 Feb, 25 Jul, 17 Oct

Southern Highlands/Sydney Basin 28 Mar, 24 Jul, 16 Oct

This one-day workshop is suitable for land managers wanting to learn practical skills and techniques to reduce the impacts of climatic extremes. It identifies the areas of your property likely to build soil carbon and the areas suited to forest carbon. Participants will develop a plan to build soil carbon at low cost and tailored to each paddock and soil type. Participants are required to complete some pre-course work in preparation for this workshop. Price \$520.

Property Management Planning (AHCAGB505A, AHCSOL402A)*

17 Mar. Other locations on demand

Six-day program, spread over six months, designed for land managers and farming families interested in whole farm planning and natural resource management for sustainable farm production. Participants will assess, plan, monitor and evaluate farm resources and farming enterprises; examine aims and goals; plan strategies for conservation, improving biodiversity and productivity; plan for risks; and produce a physical property plan. \$1,650

Soils and Fertilisers (AHCSOL402A)

Camden—16 Mar, 3 Aug, 9 Nov

This one-day course covers the biological, physical and chemical features that make a healthy soil. Includes soil testing, nutrient budgets, selection of fertilisers, comparing cost effectiveness and environmental effects of fertilisers. \$230

Wine Making and the Industry- an Introduction (NEW)

Southern Highlands/Tablelands—30-31 Mar, 22-23 Jun, 14-15 Sept, 14-15 Dec.

This two-day practical workshop is designed for participants who wish to start their own vineyard either on a personal or commercial basis. It covers the positives and negatives of entering this industry, enterprise and production planning, soil management and irrigation, Seasonal operations and plant health, pests and diseases, choice of vines, biological controls and/or chemical use strategies and OH&S requirements. Price \$560 (incl GST).

LIVESTOCK

Alpacas, Management and Care (AHCLSK215A)

Canyonleigh—21 Apr, 7 Jul, 20 Oct.

Practical course for general alpaca care and management, identification, handling and assessment of animals, farm designs. A mixture of discussion sessions and practical demonstrations. Includes routine health procedures and recognising animal traits. \$250

Beef Care and Handling (AHCLSK205A)

Camden—19 May, 6 Oct.

A one-day course that includes general cattle husbandry operations, identification, handling, assessment, yard design, cattle traits and routine health procedures. Mix of practical and discussion sessions. \$290

Stock Assess—Live Cattle Assessment and Marketing (AHCLSK308A)

Picton-Camden—13 Apr & 7 Sept. (7.30 am - 4.30 pm)

A one-day hands-on workshop. Allows new entrants to the beef industry to develop skills in assessing cattle to meet market criteria, compare prices between selling systems, prepare cattle for transport and complete quality assurance procedures. Assists participants to develop an understanding of the factors that affect livestock assessment along with the most opportune time and method to market their cattle. Livestock selling agents will receive points towards their annual licence renewal. Includes a workbook, manual, carcass weight calculator and a live cattle record book. \$325

Stocksafe—Safe Cattle/Sheep Handling (AHCLSK210A, AHCLSK205A, AHCOHS201A)

23 & 24 Aug

A two-day workshop that includes establishing a calendar year of operations, basic husbandry skills, herd identification, herd health and quality assurance. It also deals with workplace OHS, animal welfare and behaviour, the impact of handling on meat quality. The course includes demonstrations on handling livestock in yards and paddock. \$510

PROfarm is the accredited short course program developed by Department of Primary Industries to meet the needs of farmers, primary industries, agribusiness and the community.

Numbers are limited for all courses.

If your organisation has more than eight people requiring training, courses can be run at any time to suit your group or business at our location or yours.

Prices include some refreshments depending on the course and location, certificates, manuals and handouts.

Beekeeping—Beginning in Bees (AHCBEK202A, AHCBEK203A, AHCBEK303A)

Camden—31 Mar/1 Apr, 3-4 Nov

Learn all about beekeeping. This two-day course introduces new and established beekeepers to all aspects of practical beekeeping. A hands-on course with hives on site, plenty of question time, colour slides, videos, handling hives. \$500

Beekeeping as a Business (AHCLSK310A, AHCLSK320A, AHCAGB301A, AHCBEK405A)

Camden—18/19 Aug

This two-day course will cover enterprise mix; hive numbers and cash flow; site portfolio, transport and machinery requirements; associations and what they have to offer; selling honey wholesale versus retail; research and extension advances; and pests and diseases perspective. \$520

Bees—Pest and Disease in Honeybees (AHCBEK306A)*

Location to be confirmed—12/13 Aug

This two-day course provides beekeepers with the skills to recognise and manage pest and disease of the apiary. With the associated notes participants will gain knowledge that is equally applicable to amateur and professional beekeepers. \$480 1800 025 520 to register.

Bees—Queen Bee Breeding (AHCBEK407A)

Richmond—23-25 Mar

This three-day course for established beekeepers and those interested in entering the queen bee industry. Learn how to graft cells with correct age larvae, raise quality bees and implement a queen bee breeding programme. \$665 1800 025520 to register.

Goat Care and Management (AHCLSK318A)

Wilton—10 Mar & 18 Aug

One-day practical course on goat care covering handling, pastures, nutrition, basic skills in goat management, assessment, breeds, selection, mating, basic animal health, paddock design and shelter. \$260

Heavy Horse Care and Handling (AHCLSK205A)

Berry—14 October

This one-day course is designed for first time Heavy Horse Owners and those thinking of purchasing. Help, advice and hands-on experiences. Topics—modern draught horse scene, breeds and selection, costs in maintaining your horse, stabling, feeding, shoeing, rugging, transporting. Demonstrations—draught horses working, ploughing, sled and horses in harness and pairs. \$280

Horse Care and Handling (AHCLSK205A)

Crookwell—3 March, 22 Sept

A comprehensive hands-on one-day course for those who wish to increase their knowledge and skills in ground handling a horse, including those who intend to or have purchased their first horse. It is expected that participants will have had some experience in handling a horse. \$280

Sheep Care Husbandry (AHCLSK205A)

Berrima—23 Mar, 27 Jul

One-day course is with a mix of practical and theoretical components covering basic sheep handling and husbandry, nutrition, mating, disease management, breeds and livestock assessment, sheep husbandry with emphasis on lambing and weaning, breeding and selection, and flock management. \$255

Working Dogs—train and care (AHCLSK324A)

Camden—5-6 May & 8-9 Sept.

This two-day course will cover pup selection and purchase of your dog, balancing your pup, understanding natural herding instincts, style, eye & balance, directional and basic commands, teaching to cast, care and welfare of your dog. Bring your own dog. \$390

Worm-Check (AHCWRK301A) Faecal Egg Counts for Worms

Perform your own basic faecal egg counts for worms in sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas and horses
Camden—17 Mar, 14 Jul, 13 Oct. Other locations on demand.

One-day course on how to perform basic faecal egg counts for worms in sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas and horses. Includes theory and practical sessions on how to perform worm egg counts and what the results mean. Basic parasite life cycles and bench aids to identify worm eggs provided. \$270 - \$350 depending on location.

FARM SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT**Quad Bike Handling (AHCMM212A)**

Camden—10 & 11 May and on demand.

A one-and-a-half-day practical introduction to safe and efficient riding skills under varying conditions for four-wheel bikes. Covers both novice and advanced technical skills and riding strategies. Instruction on how to conduct basic maintenance checks included. Bring own Quad Bike & PPE \$455

Chainsaw—Trim and Cross Cut Felled Trees (Level 1) (FPICOT2221B)

Various locations—4-5 Feb, 21-22 Feb, 17-18 Apr, 16-17 May, 23-24 Jun, 11-12 Jul, 18-19 Sept, 6-7 Nov, 8-9 Dec, 12-13 Dec

This two-day course covers the work required to move or remove a fallen tree that may pose an inconvenience or a hazard. Ideal for council workers, emergency services and land owners. This practical course includes: OHS procedures and precautions; environmental and legal responsibilities; equipment maintenance; and safe cutting techniques, including crosscutting, ripping, limbing, boring and the use of wedges to assist cutting. \$490-\$530 depending on location

Chainsaw—Fall trees Manually (Level 2) – non production/non commercial (FPIFGM2208A)

Picton and other locations—22-23 Mar, 3-4 May, 16-17 Jun, 19-20 Jul, 27-28 Sept. 22-23 Nov.

(Competence in Trim and cross cut felled trees is a prerequisite to attending this course)

This two-day course covers the identification of felling requirements, environmental concerns and OHS procedures, practices and precautions. Participants will

learn how to prepare and maintain felling equipment, assess conditions and surroundings, assess trees and plan felling, prepare the surrounding area and fall trees. Training and assessment at intermediate level tree felling is available upon request as part of this course. \$530

Chainsaw Training—Reassessment Service

To maintain currency of skills Tocal College campuses offer a reassessment service for employees who have previously received training in Trim and cross cut felled trees and fall small trees. This reassessment service is recommended for employees whose accreditation occurred three or more years ago. A photo identification card can be issued upon request, listing training undertaken and units of competency awarded. POA. Various locations by negotiation.

Pole Saw Operation (FPICOT3238A)

Camden—4 Apr, 5 Sept

One-day course covers assessing trees for trimming, preparation of pole saw, identify and follow OHS requirements, trim trees to industry standard using low risk techniques. POA

Fencing—Conventional (AHCINF202A)

Picton—3 Mar, 26 May, 11 Aug, 10 Nov.

A one-day introductory course for the small property owner or primary producer. Learn how to maintain, construct and design fences, design and construct strainer assemblies, sight fences and place line posts and droppers, strain and tie wires, construct gateways and swinging gates, and cost a fencing job. \$250

Fencing—Electric (AHCINF202A)

Picton—20 Mar & 12 Sept.

This half-day course will cover layout and design; selecting an energiser; construct permanent and temporary electric fencing, design and installation of earthing systems, maintenance and testing of electric fence systems; safety requirements of electric fencing. \$130

4 Wheel Driving—Off Road (RIIVEH305A)

Camden—1-2 Mar, 5-6 Jul, 11-12 Oct.

A two-day course for basic and intermediate users of 4X4 vehicles. It covers: operation in off-road and adverse conditions, including water crossings; pre-start checks; operating vehicles on or across a slope; ascending and descending a steep slope, including stall recovery; operating a jack; operating the vehicle in rugged terrain; and recovery using snatch block, snatch strap and winch. \$510

Safe Tractor Operation (AHCMM202A)

Camden—17-18 Mar, 2-3 Apr, 7-8 Jul, 2-3 Aug, 18-19 Oct, 6-7 Dec.

A two-day course covering safety, operation and maintenance of tractors and attached implements. Also includes a basic introduction to legal requirements and safe operation of front end loaders as attached to tractors. Learn how to safely and correctly attach various implements to tractors, participate in hands-on operation of tractors with implements in the field to manufacturers and industry requirements. \$450.

Service and Maintain Small, Powered Machines (AHCMM204A)

Camden—24 Mar, 2 Jun, 8 Sept, 1 Dec

This one-day course teaches you to carry out your own servicing and adjustments to small powered machines—ride on mowers, hand mowers, line trimmers, brush cutters, mulchers and chainsaws—in a safe manner, to OH&S standards and to manufacturer's specifications. \$285

WEEDS**Weeds and their Controls (AHCPMG301A)**

Camden—18 Feb, 1 Sept.

Concentrates on weed identification, controls and legal requirements of landholders. The pros and cons of biological, mechanical and chemical controls are discussed for common/problem weeds of participants. \$250

SMARTtrain Chemical Application Programs

In NSW people who use agricultural or veterinary chemicals in their business or as part of their job must be trained and accredited in their use. Under the training regulation, every five years chemical users must re-qualify through a chemical accreditation program such as SMARTtrain®. The SMARTtrain® Chemical accreditation program has a range of training options available to suit all types of chemical users

AQF3 SMARTtrain Chemical Application (AHCCHM303A, AHCCHM304A)

Camden—6-7 Mar, 29-30 May, 21-22 Jun, 21-22 Aug, 22-23 Oct, 11-12 Dec.

A two-day course for those who use pesticides with powered and hand-held application equipment. The course meets all training requirements of the NSW Pesticides Act 1999, and the training requirements for those using and exposed to substances that are classified as hazardous substances under the NSW OHS Regulation 2001. It also meets the requirements of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) for those required to purchase and use restricted chemicals in NSW (eg 1080) as well as the requirements of industry QA programs such as Freshcare and Flockcare. The training covers the safe transport, handling and disposal of chemicals, decontaminating equipment and disposing of chemical containers. Participants will learn how to use different types of chemical application equipment safely and efficiently. \$365

AQF3 SMARTtrain Chemical Application Refresher (AHCCHM303A, AHCCHM304A)

Camden—6 Mar, 29 May, 21 Jun, 21 Aug, 22 Oct, 11 Dec
A one-day course for people who have previously been accredited in an AQFIII chemical application course such as SMARTtrain or a similar course. Cost \$290

AQF4 SMARTtrain Chemical Risk Management &/or Refresher (AHCCHM401A, AHCCHM402A)

Camden—27 Mar, 20 Jun, 25 Sept. 28 Nov.

(AQF3 Chemical Application Certificate is a prerequisite for this course)

This one-day course trains and reaccredits those who supervise employees using substances classified as hazardous under the NSW OHS Regulation 2001. The course is also suitable for contractors, farmers, managers, agricultural consultants and advisers who make decisions about the application of chemicals. The course focuses on managing risks associated with transporting, storing, mixing, loading, applying and disposing of chemicals SMARTtrain®. \$335

FarmReady Courses

Animal Health Risk Management, Beef-N-Omics, Conservation Farming, Centre Pivot & Lateral Move Irrigation Systems, Intro. to Environmental Management Systems (EMS), Dairy Farmers Guide to Managing Climate Risk, Farmers Guide to Managing Climate Risk Farming in a Changing Climate, Farm Planning, Feeder Steer School, Healthy Soils—Healthy Landscapes, Identification and Management of Native Grass Pastures, Introduction to Organic Farming, Irrigated Lucerne for Profit, LANDSCAN, Management of Trunk Disease and Young Vines, Managing Land for Carbon, Organisation Governance & Stewardship, Paddock Plants, Pest & Disease of Honey Bees, Prograze, Prograze Plus, Promoting Vineyard Health, Property Management Planning for Natural Resource Management, Rice for Profit, StockPlan – 1 Day, Tactical grazing management for semi-arid rangelands..

FarmReady reimbursement grants

- The Australian Government’s FarmReady Reimbursement Grants program aims to boost training opportunities for primary producers and indigenous land managers, and to enable natural resource managers to develop strategies to adapt and respond to the impacts of climate change, and increase their self-reliance and preparedness.
- Eligible participants can receive up to \$1500 per person each financial year to cover the cost of approved training activities, with additional support available for associated expenses such as excess travel, accommodation and child-care.
- The courses marked with * are approved under this scheme. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity. For more information on your eligibility log onto www.farmready.gov.au or call FarmReady 1800 087670

Course dates may change during the year. . . additional courses may also be added to the program which will be notified on the website. Cancellations of courses will be advised to registered participants

For enrolment or information on this flyer and other agriculture short courses, skills recognition and agriculture diplomas:

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