

Conservation agriculture goes west again: 4 Feb 2014

The 2014 Conservation Agriculture Field Day is heading west again this year to the Condobolin Agricultural Research and Advisory Station on Thursday, February 20 - the same venue as the 2008 event.

The Conservation Agriculture & No-till Farming Association (CANFA), Central West Farming System (CWFS), FarmLink Research, and the NSW Department of Primary Industries are again teaming up to host the event.

The field day will showcase commercial exhibitors demonstrating new disc and tyne seeding equipment, the latest in spray, weedseeking and precision agriculture technology, stubble management machinery and a wide range of soil health, nutrition and associated technologies.

The Land newspaper is again sponsoring an award for the best new machine release. A special feature will be a session on herbicide resistance management, including a demonstration of the University of Melbourne prototype microwave weed killer.

The day will also include a soil pit, information on training and incentives from the Local Land Services along with information from the host organisations and other agribusiness attending on the day.

CANFA executive officer, Neville Gould says importantly, it will be another opportunity for farmers to view seeding equipment eligible under the Federal Government's Conservation Tillage Tax Offset Program, which is due to close on June 30 this year.

"We are really excited to be working with CWFS, FarmLink and the NSW DPI again to bring this event to Condobolin and closer to our most western members.

"It is important for organisations to work together to coordinate events such as this for the industry."

Mr Gould says the Conservation Agriculture Field Day is a well-known event in NSW and the organisers are thrilled with the decision to move the field day back to Condobolin, giving farmers access to the latest machinery and technology.

"We anticipate we'll draw people from a large area on the day."

The field day gates will open at 8.30am with active displays beginning at 9.30am.

Entry for CANFA, CWFS and FarmLink members is \$10, non-members are \$20. New memberships will be welcomed on the day.

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