

Farm300

Boosting livestock production efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions



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Farm300 aims to increase on-farm productivity and profitability by 10%, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions intensity by up to 30%.

Farm300 is delivering programs which will enable advisors the opportunity to work with existing or new clients to improve productivity and profitability, while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions intensity.

FARM300 is a two year project run by MLA, funded through the Australian Government's Carbon Farming Futures Program (CFI) Extension and Outreach (E&O) Program, and delivered in partnership with the Australian Farm Institute, Australian Wool Innovation and Dairy Australia. The project commenced in late 2013 and runs until June 2015.

FARM300 is collaborating with another E&O funded project being delivered by RIST, Project 2020, to deliver a series of workshops around the country for advisors. These workshops will introduce the FARM300 and 2020 programs, and also provide advisors with an improved understanding of exactly what the opportunities are for them and their clients in the climate change space. Each workshop will consist of a first day covering the latest research and producer case studies in improving sustainability and profitability, by managing climate variability and adopting best practice management. This will be followed by a second half day train-the-trainer session for advisors wishing to deliver Project 2020 activities to producers.

From the advisors attending the workshops, 25 will be selected to participate in the FARM300 project as coaches for producer groups. For the purposes of FARM300, coaching is defined as advisors providing a supported learning environment over a series of sessions to enable producers to make changes to their management/practices which will result in business improvements. Through the coaching program FARM300 is aiming to engage with 300 medium to large sheep and beef producers from throughout Australia.

The coaching program will be developed by the coaches with support from the FARM300 National Coordinator. This will ensure that programs are locally relevant. To be eligible, the outcomes from a coaching program must result in productivity gains and no net increase in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) (and ideally an emissions/emissions intensity reduction) (to be proven through use of GHG and financial tools).

Attendance at the FARM300/Project 2020 advisor workshops is free and catering included, however advisors who attend will need to cover their own time and expenses.

Workshop locations and dates:

Tasmania	Launceston	20 and 21 May
Victoria	Hamilton	22 and 23 May
South Australia	Adelaide	26 and 27 May
Western Australia	Perth	28 and 29 May
NSW	Tamworth	3 and 4 June
NSW	Wagga Wagga	5 and 6 June
Queensland	Rockhampton	10 June

As the workshop program is finalised, further information will be made available on the MLA and RIST websites:

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