



ChemCert Connections

Spray Drift Issue

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What's making news at ChemCert!

- In May, NSWFA facilitated a spray drift strategy forum.
- A number of initiatives were discussed, however the participants overwhelmingly supported ongoing training and education to assist farmers adopt better spray application practices.
- Andrew Forrest, the Chairman of ChemCert, will ensure ChemCert trainers have the skills to improve training outcomes in the areas of spray application technology and control.
- ChemCert will be organising a series of professional development activities for trainers across NSW to ensure all trainers have an opportunity to update their skills.
- The workshops will concentrate on sprayer set-up, the application process and causes of drift and control strategies. It is envisaged that the first workshop will be held in Orange towards the end of this year. Dates and registration details will appear on the website.
- Other spray drift management strategies discussed included; the establishment of Chemical Control Areas for HV esters in hot spots, greater DEC presence, compliance enforcement, label changes and better communication programs.



Training and Reference Resources

- John Kent & DPI VIC –Power Point Presentation
- Spray Drift Management: Principles, Strategies and Supporting Information PISC (SCARM) Report
- ChemCert Australia Groundrig, Spray Application in the Cotton and Grain Industries – Reference Book
- Don't forget nozzle cards eg Hardi, Silvan, Nufarm and Teejet publish nozzle guides in their product catalogues.

Diary Dates 2006-2007

- 19th June, Board Meeting, Sydney
- 22nd August, Board Meeting, TBA
- October AGM, Sydney



Droplets

Here are some of the other activities the Secretariat has undertaken recently:

- Participated in the NSWFA Spray Drift Forum.
- Convened a ChemCert Spray Drift Course Development Workshop
- Met with participating RTO's in Casino, Lismore and Tamworth
- Hosted a Communication & Strategic Direction Workshop with RTO's & Trainers
- Participated in the HAL funded "On-farm Auditors ChemCert /Reaccreditation Project" at Ebenezer
- Reviewed and reprinted the NTR



Useful Websites

This month check out new spray application technology at the following websites.

- **Silvan** - major pioneer in the development and manufacture of agricultural machinery to meet the needs of Australian's primary producers www.silvanaccess.com.au
- **Hardi** – offers a wide range of agriculture, amenity and compression sprayers www.hardi.com.au
- **TeeJet** - manufactures spray components to agriculture, turf, ornamental, horticulture, greenhouse, and right of way industries www.teejet.com
- **Nufarm** - Nufarm Limited produce products to protect crops against damage caused by weeds, pests and disease www.nufarm.com



Facts and Figures

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics as at 30 June 2004

Number of Farms in NSW 40,827
ABS Business Register Count by Industry Ag. 62,094

Estimate of pesticide users; 99,358

Source – Data derived from National Institute of Economic Industry and Research – Industry Employment Projections

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