



## Producers plot a course to greater profitability

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Local producers will be given the opportunity to learn how to use Global Positioning (or GPS) technology to improve management of their farm businesses at free AgForce workshops in September.

The GPS workshops are being delivered in Goondiwindi, Warwick and Boonah from 18-20 September.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said that GPS is fast becoming an essential management tool for farmers and graziers.

“GPS technology can help producers accurately plan and rebuild new and run-down infrastructure such as pipelines and fencing,” Mr Brinsmead said.

Mr Brinsmead said landholders will learn how to capture property information with GPS and input it into their computer mapping program which will help them keep a comprehensive record of property information and production history.

“We show them how to set up a handheld GPS device correctly, how to improve property navigation, work with waypoints and tracks, and transfer data into their property computer mapping program.”

“Landholders will also have the chance to work out how to calculate paddock areas and accurately measure distances, including over undulating ground.”

These workshops are delivered free through AgForward, funded by the Queensland Government.

Workshop dates and times: Goondiwindi - Tuesday 18 September, 8.45am-4pm, Warwick - Wednesday 19 September, 8.45am-4pm and Boonah - Thursday 20 September, 8.45am-4pm

To attend a workshop visit [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) or call (07) 3238 6048.

Other upcoming workshops in the region include free CSG sessions in Injune, Taroom, Wandoan and Miles from 24- 27 September.

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