

AgForce workshops to help SQ farmers navigate GPS technology

Producers in Southern Queensland will be given the opportunity to learn how to use Global Positioning (or GPS) technology to improve management of their farm businesses.

The free “GPS Essentials” workshops follow the highly successful property computer mapping workshops that came to Southern Queensland in May and August this year.

The GPS workshops are being delivered in Mitchell November 1, Roma November 2 and Surat November 3.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said that GPS is fast becoming an essential tool for farmers, not only to help make property management decisions, but also to demonstrate how they are meeting government legislative requirements.

“GPS technology can help producers pinpoint vegetation boundaries and protected regrowth areas on their property, ground-truth regulatory maps and accurately plan infrastructure such as pipelines and fencing,” Mr Brinsmead said.

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

Mr Brinsmead said producers who attended the property computer mapping workshops in May and August will be able to see the linkages between GPS and computer mapping.

“We find producers who attend both workshops 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,” Mr Brinsmead said.

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

To attend a workshop, please register 10 days prior to the event by contacting Paddy Roe on (07) 3238 6048 or visit www.agforceprojects.org.au.

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