

## Property maps safeguard your farm business

If you've never seen satellite imagery of your property, then you're missing one of the most effective modern farm management tools.

Find out how property maps can help you revolutionise property planning, meet government regulations and minimise the potential impacts of CSG activity on your property at AgForce Projects' upcoming property computer mapping workshops.

The free workshops are open to all producers and are being held in Kilcoy, Esk and Crows Nest from 22-24 November.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said attendees will be shown how to draw physical features and record property information onto their digital map.

"This technology is a vital tool for landholders looking to meet regulations such as vegetation management legislation and for infrastructure planning, grazing strategies and general property monitoring," Mr Brinsmead said.

Maps are also a vital tool during negotiations with resource companies.

"Maps that outline current and planned infrastructure are a great tool to assist landholders to demonstrate how the proposed activities of resource companies may impact on the landholder, their business and their resources and are therefore critical as evidence in the negotiation process."

These workshops are delivered free through AgForward, supported by the Queensland Government and can also be completed through farm software company AGDATA's Australian Government FarmReady program.

Mr Brinsmead said landholders who are approved to complete the workshop through AGDATA's FarmReady approved Farm Planning & Management – Module 3 will also receive Phoenix Mapping software as part of the course materials. An up-front payment of \$900 is required, however approved participants may be reimbursed 65 per cent of the course cost. To find out if you are eligible to attend through FarmReady visit [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au).

All producers will receive their property's latest digital data including SPOT5 and 11 years of Landsat satellite images ranging from 1988 to 2010.

Producers will also receive a certificate of participation that goes toward a nationally accredited Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management.

To attend a workshop, please register 10 days prior to the event by visiting [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) or call (07) 3238 6048.

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**Image Caption: DSCN5806:** AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead will demonstrate how to capture points like dams and bores on a property map at mapping workshops at Kilcoy, Esk and Crows Nest from 22-24 November.