



***Preliminary Notice***

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR NSW AGRICULTURE TEACHERS**

The Primary Industries Education Foundation will be holding a professional development day for NSW agriculture teachers on topics relevant to the new electives within the amended Higher School Certificate Agricultural Syllabus.

**Date: Friday 26 November 2010**

**Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm**

**Place: Sydney Showground, Homebush Bay**

We have secured the services of Dr Beverley Henry, Scientist who is one of Australia's leading experts on methane gas production from ruminant animals. Dr Henry has worked with Meat & Livestock Australia and has presented on many occasions.

Dr Kendra Kerrisk is the Scientist overseeing the automatic milking system which is being trialled at the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute at Camden for milking cows. It is fully robotic putting the cups on and off the cows. Dr Kerrisk is an international expert on this technology.

Speakers on biosecurity and/or satellite/GPS tagging of animals are also being sought.

Ms Jane Swan, Teacher of Agriculture, Dapto High School recipient of the Premier's Agriculture Scholarship will give an address on her study tour to the UK on Organic Farming.

The day will also involve discussions as to how the Primary Industries Education Foundation can support agriculture teachers in NSW into the future. This is the first professional development exercise run by the Foundation and it is very much a pilot.

There will be no charge for this event but in the longer term obviously the Foundation will have to make a charge for professional development programs.

***There is no need to respond to this notice yet, an application and program will be distributed early in fourth term. Please note the date in your diary.***

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Chair, Primary Industries Education Foundation

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