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Profitable Feeding Systems seeks to engage farmers in summer planning workshop

WestVic Dairy is hosting a post-harvest, pre-summer workshop 'How big is your stack' in five towns across the south west region to motivate farmers to boost their profitability by improving their feedbase management.

The Profitable Feeding Systems (PFS) project aims to help farmers to manage their feedbase to optimise milk production and maximise profitability, which is a necessity given the forecast dry conditions ahead. Preparation and planning for the coming summer is now absolutely essential.

WestVic Dairy's chairman, and dairy farmer Leighton Hart agrees that the time is now to plan for the months ahead, and the 'How big is your stack' workshops will help farmers plan for the change in conditions.

"Every year we experience dry conditions during the summer period. Unfortunately mother nature has delivered dry conditions earlier than expected.

"We all need to make sure we understand our feed requirements for the summer period and plan early" he said.

"The highly experienced workshop presenters, Janet Sloan, Dave Conheady, Shane Hargreaves and Peter Gaffy will discuss feed budgeting for cows, heifers and yearlings, as well as identifying feed gaps, and understanding quality verses quantity".

"This is something we all should be doing every year. Potentially we are heading into a longer dry period which means many of us need to rethink our feed budgets and look at options going forward" Mr Hart said.

The workshop will be offered at five different locations including Kirkstall, Bald Hills, Mepunga, Dixie and Irrewillipe to ensure that farmers wanting to attend this important session don't have to travel too far, to still be involved.

"Westvic Dairy is committed to a number of field days to help understand your position and look at options available, early rather than later. WestVic Dairy is committed to supporting Dairy Farmers and their businesses" Mr Hart said.



To register to attend the workshop contact WestVic Dairy on (03) 5557 1000 to secure your place.

WestVic Dairy is a not for profit regional development program (RDP) led by western Victorian dairy farmers. WestVic Dairy is funded by Dairy Australia and the Dairy Service levy and supported by regional stakeholders.

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