

Expression of Interest

VG16009: Adoption of Precision Systems Technology in Vegetable Production

Grower Study Tour 4th to 11th September 2019

Overview

This initiative has been organised by the VG16009 project team and will facilitate an intensive study tour to major vegetable growing regions around the southern states of Australia, including South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. This tour will focus on interacting with growers and businesses implementing precision agriculture technologies and innovative practices on farm.

To assist with identifying suitable participants, interested growers are asked to complete selection criteria. The aim of the criteria is to maximise the investment by ensuring that producers that participate are both actively pursuing precision or innovative systems and are willing to share knowledge and learnings with the broader vegetable industry.

Due to funding limits, one individual per business will be given preference to attend the study tour. Funding will cover the costs of airfares, accommodation and transport during the tour, with allowances given for meals to be reimbursed upon return, unless organised otherwise. Attendance to the SPAA Symposium is also covered by the tour for levy payers. Horticultural consultants are encouraged to apply, however they will need to be self-funded.

EOI Closes Wednesday 31st May 2019. For more information please contact:

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Contact details

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Are you a:

Vegetable Producer Vegetable & Mixed Crop Producer Horticultural Consultant

Crops Farmed/Serviceed: _____

Hectares Farmed/serviceed: _____

Participant selection criteria

1 Please provide demonstrated knowledge, experience and/or previous investment in precision agriculture (PA) in vegetable production, select one or more of the following operations that you currently employ:

Controlled traffic systems

Variable rate input programs

Minimum tillage

Yield monitoring

Crop sensing/imagery

Soil mapping

Please provide details on the PA you are currently undertaking:

2 Please provide details on the steps you have taken to adopt PA and innovative technologies into your production systems within the next 5 years:

3 How will your participation in the tour assist your operation and the vegetable industry?

4 Are you willing to participate in daily 'debrief' sessions as requested?

Yes No

5 Are you willing to participate in a video style 'travel blog' that will allow key learnings and new ideas to be captured and communicated to industry?

Yes No

6 Do you agree to attend and present your learnings from the tour at a discussion group upon your return to extend information to other vegetable growers?

Yes No

7 Do you agree to participate in a post-tour review and documented case study of the changes that have been made to your business as a result of the tour?

Yes No