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Grazing land management EDGE

Strategies for long-lasting grazing potential

A three-day workshop to thoroughly understand your grazing environment and strategically manage your grazing business to optimise land condition and productivity in the long-term.



Modules and key topics covered

1. Understanding the grazing land ecosystem

- How climate influences pasture growth
- Seasonal decision dates
- Land types and using land types as the basis for grazing land management
- Soil profile, structure and how soil fertility affects productivity
- Vegetation (pastures, forbs, legumes, grasses) and pasture physiology
- Land condition, the ABCD framework and ecosystem processes

2. Grazing management

- Improving land condition
- How stocking rate influences liveweight gains
- Phases of pasture growth
- Spelling and when to spell pastures for the best effect on land condition
- Diet quality, diet selection, plant type and measuring diet quality
- Evenness of grazing and improving evenness of use
- Grazing systems and stocking methods
- Forage demand, expressing livestock numbers using adult equivalents and intake
- Carrying capacity and forage budgeting

3. Land management strategies

- Managing the tree-grass balance
- Using fire and role of fire in pasture/tree management
- Sown pastures and their role, pasture run-down
- Managing weeds and principles of weed management



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