



Producers plot a course to greater profitability

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Local producers will be given the opportunity to learn how to use Global Positioning (or GPS) technology to improve management of their farm businesses at free AgForce workshops next week.

The free “GPS Essentials” workshops follow the highly successful property computer mapping workshops that came to the region in October last year.

The GPS workshops are being delivered in Julia Creek on 22 May, Richmond on 23 May and Hughenden on 24 May.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said that GPS is fast becoming an essential management tool for farmers and graziers.

“GPS technology can help producers accurately plan and rebuild new and run-down infrastructure such as pipelines and fencing,” Mr Brinsmead said.

“We show them how to set up a handheld GPS device correctly, how to improve property navigation, work with waypoints and tracks, and transfer data into their property computer mapping program.”

Mr Brinsmead said producers who attended the property computer mapping workshops in October will be able to see the linkages between GPS and computer mapping.

“We find producers who attend both workshops learn how to capture property information with GPS and input it into their computer mapping program which will help them keep a comprehensive record of property information and production history,” Mr Brinsmead said.

These workshops are delivered free through AgForward, funded by the Queensland Government.

To attend a workshop visit www.agforceprojects.org.au or call (07) 3238 6048.

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