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Free workshops in South East Queensland help farmers combat feral animal menace

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AgForce Projects will host free workshops across the South East in February and March to help producers learn about feral animal control, and the importance of coordinating control programs as a community.

AgForce Projects vertebrate pest management officer Damien Ferguson said the meetings will focus on providing practical advice and demonstrations for feral animal control.

“Wild dogs and pigs are a significant issue in south east Queensland, and our workshops will provide producers with the practical skills needed to control the spread of these pests across the landscape,” Mr Ferguson said.

The workshops will include trapping and baiting demonstrations, as well as how to find feral animal signs. They will also provide the opportunity for producers to begin working together to coordinate their approaches to feral pest management.

“Most importantly the workshops are an opportunity for producers to begin working together as a community. Landholders will also have the chance to coordinate with their local NRM and Landcare groups as well as Councils who will be attending.”

Mr Ferguson said some landholders may not feel the need to coordinate their pest management with their neighbours or local community.

“Feral pests have a negative impact on the whole community, including the economic viability of local businesses and your neighbour’s property,” he said.

“Even if you undertake control techniques on your property it doesn’t mean pests won’t reappear on your property next season. With feral numbers increasing overall it is particularly important for whole communities to take steps together to curb this costly problem.”

Predator Control and Trapping Workshops:

- Wondai, Wednesday 11 February
- Apple Tree Creek, Tuesday 25 February
- Bucca, Wednesday 26 February
- Mt Perry, Tuesday 17 March
- Eidsvold, Wednesday 18 March

Registrations are essential, further information is available at www.agforceprojects.org.au or by calling (07) 3238 6048.

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