

Agline precision ag conference

From March 9–11 2006, Agline Distributors hosted a conference in Narrabri with an approach that is considered to be a first for Australian agriculture. It brought together the early adopters, risk takers and farming pioneers who are well along the path of sustainable farm management systems with the focus 'Evolution through Determination.'

The aim of the conference was to aid current owners via independent research presentations, farmer case studies and forums for dealer/manufacturers/farmer discussion. A range of new Beeline technologies, Bio Series Planters and Farmworks product developments were also introduced.

WIDE RANGE OF SPEAKERS

Farmers and researchers came from as far afield as Ayr in Queensland and the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia. Representatives from Agline's Distributor network of 50 national dealers were also in attendance.

Guest speakers included:

- Dr Jeff Tullberg, from CTF Solutions;

- Brendan Friske, Farm Operations Manager at the Minnipa Ag Research Centre in South Australia;
- Bill Ritchie, from Baker No-Tillage in New Zealand;
- Martin Peters, from Farmworks Australia; and,
- Aaron Sanderson, grain grower in Clermont, and sugar cane farmer in Ayr.

Aaron gave a unique case study on how his use of Farmworks software incorporated with his Beeline guidance systems for the past four years has contributed to his farm management decisions and precision ag planning.

The conference concluded on the Friday morning with practical demonstrations of the Bio Series of planters and Beeline technologies GPS guidance at Ross Hubbard's property, "Mayfield", Narrabri. A number of Bio Blade, Bio Drill and Contour tyne planter configurations were run through a range of different soil types and stubble residues.

Copies of presentations and papers can be obtained by contacting Agline Distributors Area Manager, Felicity White at felicity@agline.com.au or on mobile 0428 537 934.



BIO SERIES PLANTERS

The planters that are revolutionizing no-tillage...



CONTOUR TYNE



BIO DRILL

- Scientifically proven superior seedling emergence from horizontal (inverted tee-shaped) seed groove.
- Sub-surface banding of fertiliser at seeding making our range of openers extremely cost effective
- A genuine one-pass opener that regularly records 95-99% success rates (published and client data)
- Automated unique hydraulic down force reduces seed depth variation to less than 10%
- No hairpinning or residue blockage, even in wet, black sticky soils and with 14+ tonne/ha crops (field experience and scientific literature)
- Can be retro fitted to a range of existing tool bars

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Moonie producer, Phil Egan, has realised his ambition of simultaneously applying urea/MAP and seed with a machine that can handle both summer and winter crops. His planter enabled him to grow a zero till 4 tonne/acre sorghum crop for the 2004-2005 season. "Crucially, I found that anyone could set it up and the new adjustable height mechanism gets more wear out of the discs."