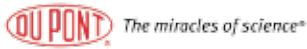


SECTION 6
ENVIRONMENT &
EDUCATION

This section brought to you in association with



Boost to the Cotton CRC's Cotton Production Course

By Dr John Stanley, Cotton CRC

Keeping up with the latest management practices in cotton production has never been more important. Whether that relates to the way we grow our crop, how we choose between cropping options or even how we communicate with the media.

The Cotton CRC's Cotton Production Course delivered by the University of New England (UNE)

proudly continues to deliver the fundamentals and latest scientifically supported knowledge on cotton agronomy and protection. The course is also designed to enhance communication and decision making skills. The focus of the course remains on cotton production but is expanding along the fibre supply chain and evolving to link with other farming options. Whether you already have a degree in agriculture or are taking on university for the first time, the course has a lot to offer you.

New enrolments into the Cotton Production Course certainly declined over the drought but relief in several catchments has rekindled interest. Cotton industry researchers and experts continue to provide excellent support covering topics from the basic cotton plant growth to the latest on improving water use efficiency and many other best management practices. Students benefit from practical instruction on spray application, irrigation scheduling and communication skills. New topics on the economics of farming decisions are also very popular.

The photos framing this article are of students attending presentations and activities during the

Divine Dinner Plain...



Bring the family, enjoy the wonderful snow that is still falling, it's perfect! Skiing, boarding, cross country skiing or just enjoy the fantastic atmosphere that is Dinner Plain



Where you stroll the snow covered tree lined streets simply for the sights or to meet friends for a restaurant dinner or drinks at the bar. The village itself helps set the community atmosphere, cosy lights sparkle and entice you into their warmth. Snow lined, natural buildings and earthy tones blur the line between man made and alpine environment. Over 200 lodges and chalets with all the conveniences of a modern resort.

What are you waiting for...



Dinner Plain
visitor Information
Centre

Explore our website at
www.dinnerplain.com
or call our info number **1300 734 365**
or email to info@dinnerplain.com

1/2-4401 072/270808



Steve Madden (cotton consultant Wee Waa) showing cotton production students when to defoliate at Andrew and Michael Carberry's property 'Cadarga'.

residential schools held at the Australian Cotton Research Institute between Narrabri and Wee Waa. Each unit includes a three to four day school. Evaluations from students often report on the valuable networks they build by meeting other students at these schools from cotton growing regions all over Australia.

Many students are building on the four units of the Cotton Production Course to complete a course-work Masters of Agriculture at UNE. This option allows postgraduate students to cherry pick four

extra units in agriculture that cover their particular interests, perhaps specialising in crop nutrition, irrigation or agricultural consultancy.

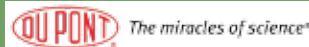
Over recent years the course has adopted a much stronger role in the extension of knowledge underpinning farming decisions, natural resource management and our understanding of rural communities. Ultimately, this contributes to better management practices.

Contacts details: Dr. John Stanley 0428 223 332
jstanle4@une.edu.au



SECTION 6
ENVIRONMENT & EDUCATION

This section brought to you in association with



LEFT: Lockie Rollings (NSW Industry & Investment) explaining soil structure to cotton production students at soil pits provided by Ben Stephens of Auscott, Narrabri.



Bookings Essential

DISPOSE
 OF YOUR UNWANTED
 RURAL CHEMICALS

Register at **1800 008 182**
www.chemclear.com.au



RECYCLE
 YOUR EMPTY FARM
 CHEMICAL CONTAINERS

Contact us **1800 008 707**
www.drummuster.com.au