



Alpine Valleys

agribusiness forum

'Australian Alpine Valleys - Where the Best Grows to Perfection'

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EverGraze Field Days

EverGraze is a national agribusiness program that aims to improve livestock grazing numbers from perennial pastures through better stock management and pasture. Over the past twelve months, a Department of Primary Industries Proof Site has been operating in Chiltern and eight Support Site farms have been selected from around the region.

The eight regional Support Sites have undergone pasture testing and stock management evaluations over the past six months by Jim Moll, North East Victoria's EverGraze Supporting Site Agronomist.

A week of field days, open to the public, is scheduled to be held on each of the Support Sites in the coming week. These field days are designed to demonstrate to farmers, LandCare members and the community what improvements can be made through careful strategic planning and management.

Each field day will commence with an introduction to the EverGraze concept and follow through with a discussion on soil and pasture types. The group will then be led into the paddock where an inspection and talk on the history and management of the site, pasture species identification and mix, grazing strategies and site monitoring will take place.

Field day dates, locations and times -

Monday May 12

Tallangatta Valley Rd, Tallangatta (9:30am -12.20pm)
Briggs Gap Rd, Cudgewa (2:30pm - 5.30pm)

Tuesday May 13

Pattersons Rd, Benambra (9.30am -12.00pm)
Connelly property - Benambra (12.30 – 2.30pm)

Saturday 17 May

Taminick Gap Rd, Wangaratta South (9:00am -11.15 am)
Francis Rd, Killawarra via Wangaratta (11.30am – 12.40pm)

Sunday 18 May

Indigo Creek Rd, Indigo via Yackandandah (9:30am -12.30 am)

Wednesday 21 May

Witherow Lane, Bowmans Forest (9.00am -12.30pm)

Lachlan Campbell, Manager Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum said "Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum sees the EverGraze project as a great opportunity, delivering substantial productivity gains for grazing enterprises across North East Victoria. The AAVAF is committed to supporting sustainable and profitable agribusinesses across the region and EverGraze is already delivering real improvement and gains to the participants and neighbouring properties at each of these Supporting Sites."

The EverGraze field days are open the public. Anyone interested in attending a field day is encouraged to ring Jim Moll on 0437 432 015 for more information and directions to the field day Support Site locations.