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New Investment in Agriculture *capturing capital*

A large pool of local and offshore organisations seeking to invest capital in Australian agriculture has long been recognised. There are also many unanswered questions surrounding the recognition and understanding of significant capital investment opportunities.

What is driving the new investment in agriculture and how will these investments benefit rural Victoria? What business models are being used by the superannuation funds and investment companies driving this capital?

These are but a few of questions that will be discussed at the New Investment in Agriculture – *capturing capital* Forum to be held on Thursday August 21.

The Forum, a joint initiative developed and supported by the Department of Primary Industries, North East Catchment Management Authority and Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness, will be held at the Department of Primary Industries Rutherglen Research Centre, and for the nominal registration fee of \$10 for landholders and \$25 for corporate and agency staff lunch will be provided.

“The New Investment in Agriculture Forum offers farmers and landholders, community leaders and economic development agencies, the opportunity to listen to senior representatives from large, key Australian and offshore organisations speak about global trends and the drivers in agriculture,” according to Lachlan Campbell, Sustainability Manager for the Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum. “Topics to be discussed will include ‘What drives investment, identifying the hot agricultural sectors that are attracting local and offshore investment and where the future trends in agriculture are headed.”

Mr Campbell said, “Senior representatives from Rabobank, Hancocks Victorian Plantations, Timbercorp, Australian Farms Fund Management, Kilter, City of Wodonga and the Department of Primary Industries presenting at the Forum should help to clarify how new investment will benefit our region and those in attendance.”

For more information or to register for the New Investment in Agriculture – *capturing capital* Forum, call the Department of Primary Industries on (02) 6030 4500 or email dpi.rutherglen-centre@dpi.vic.gov.au

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