

Introduction to Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping

This course is delivered over 2 days by The Advanced Pasture Cropping Company.

What are Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping?

Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping are land management systems that involve the planting of an annual grain or oilseed crop into an existing perennial pasture (native or introduced). The systems mimic the natural functionality of grasslands, with the crop and grasses complementing each other.

Both systems provide opportunities for low risk cropping whilst maintaining and enhancing perennial pastures for grazing livestock.

Who Should Attend?

Farmers and/or graziers who are passionate about regenerative and sustainable agricultural systems.

Why Attend?

Both Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping are methods that are gaining in acceptance and adoption, both in Australia and internationally. As land management techniques, they offer breakthroughs for both rehabilitation and retention of grasslands across Australia, but only if they are implemented in the intended fashion. Unfortunately much of the adoption has been less than ideal in both its affects on natural assets and landholders.

This practical, down to earth and enjoyable course offers land managers an excellent opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of the principles and practical application of the techniques. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet other land managers in your area interested in implementing these methods.



Topics covered and program outline:

Over 2 days, through extensive discussion and a field visit, participants will gain a thorough understanding of the principles and techniques of both Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping, specifically covering the following topics;

- The **principles and foundations** of Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping;
 - grassland function
 - grassland and grazing management
 - soil health
- **Implementation;**
 - techniques and machinery
 - agronomy and chemical use
 - research
- **Environmental implications** of the techniques

Course Presenters:

The course will be delivered by 2 of the following practitioners, all of whom are experienced presenters and trainers;

- **Col Seis** (co-developer of Pasture Cropping),
- **Bruce Maynard** (No Kill Cropping developer) and
- **Angus Maurice**, experienced practitioner of both systems.

All are Central West NSW farmers/graziers who have extensive practical experience in the implementation of these techniques for both production and land rehabilitation purposes.

Provided to attendees:

- Comprehensive course manual and supporting reference materials, including electronic version of financial template.
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both days.
- In-field discussions of landscape function and the implementation of both systems.



Attendees will need to bring:

- A pen.
- Appropriate clothing, hat and footwear for a field visit on Day 1.

Registration:

Please complete the registration information for each participant and return either by email to danielle@pasturecropping.com or fax to (02) 6848 5888. The full course program will be emailed to registered participants prior to course commencement.

Costs, payment and funding available:

\$550 (GST inclusive) per person, full payment prior to the commencement of the course is required.

This course is a **FarmReady Approved Training Course (FRTC 0221)**. This means that eligible landholder participants can be reimbursed for the total cost of their attendance through the Federal Government's FarmReady Program.

Contact Danielle Bonnington (0402 211 657) or danielle@pasturecropping.com or www.farmready.gov.au for more information and eligibility criteria.

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