

Research and Advisory services

Local Land Services – December 2012

Independent, valuable advice for farmers and landowners

Local Land Services is a new, improved service provider for rural and regional NSW.

Local Land Services will provide farmers and landowners with a coordinated, modern service that links productive primary industries to natural resource management.

Farmers and landowners will have access to independent agricultural advice from *Local Land Services* Advisory Officers as well as Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Industry Development Officers.

DPI will continue to conduct independent, world class research and work with partners like the research and development corporations, CSIRO and the universities.

Local Land Services, in partnership with DPI, will deliver locally-relevant research results to farmers and local communities.

***Local Land Services* Advisory Officers**

Local Land Services will have about 50 Advisory Officers across NSW who specialise in areas including crops, pastures, livestock, grazing and irrigation.

They will:

- Deliver regional and local projects and extension products that interact with DPI and other programs, Australian Government, Catchment Action Plan and Natural Resource Management priorities
- Deliver locally relevant advice and information
- Be the local contact and service point for state-wide programs
- Shape research priorities for Agriculture NSW and other research organisations based on on-ground experience
- Be valuable sources of local information and advice
- Consult with Agriculture NSW Industry Development staff to ensure extension products meet the needs of *Local Land Services* and their clients

DPI Industry Development Officers

DPI will have about 50 Industry Development Officers across NSW including experts in agronomy, livestock, horticulture, irrigation, soils and climate.

They will:

- Work with DPI research staff and other organisations to identify and communicate research outcomes
- Develop materials from these research outcomes to improve on-farm productivity
- Collaborate with industry and R&D Corporations to identify priority research and applied outcomes
- Coordinate industry, national, state-wide or multi-regional programs and projects
- Work with *Local Land Services* Advisory staff to ensure the latest material is delivered to customers
- Be technical knowledge experts in their specialist area

Ten new cropping research and development positions have been created at Tamworth, Trangie, Narrabri, Wagga Wagga, Cowra and Yanco.

Three new post-doctoral positions have been created at Wagga Wagga, Tamworth and Narrabri in partnership with rural Research and Development Corporations.



More information at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices

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