



Putting out the call for predator control workshops

Queensland peak farm group AgForce is putting out the call for interest in predator control workshops in October.

AgForce has secured funding from Australian Wool Innovation to roll out another run of the highly successful predator control workshops.

AgForce wild dog spokesman Peter Lucas said there has been an explosion in dog numbers following the good season across Queensland.

“There must be a coordinated effort from all producers and their local councils to make wild dog control a priority,” Mr Lucas said.

“To address this, AgForce is offering all wild dog control syndicates and producers the opportunity to have an AgForce predator control day come to their region to pass on information on control strategies and to help develop a strategic approach to predator control.”

Mr Lucas will explain the ‘Paroo Model’, Australia’s most successful system of broad scale dog management in pastoral areas.

Other presenters at the days will include professional trapper and wild dog caller Tony Townsend, national wild dog facilitator Greg Misfud and local producers.

“A rise in wild dog populations across Queensland and a growing awareness of the significant cost of attacks, bites on carcasses and disease costs spread by dogs means many more people are looking for the best control option to suit their enterprise,” Mr Lucas said.

“This is a great opportunity for landowners to address these concerns with leaders in wild dog control.”

The first predator control days are planned for October 2011. To register your interest in hosting one of these workshops in your area, contact AgForce Sheep & Wool policy director Rachael Pratt on 3236 3100 or prattr@agforceqld.org.au

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