

R&D Snapshot

Ecoshelter Bedding Workshops

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Purpose:

- Provide the latest information and case studies on the benefits and uses of spent bedding to increase its utilisation whilst linking producers of spent bedding with potential end users of the product (croppers) to open up market opportunities.

Take home messages:

- 69 farmers, advisors and pig producers have attended workshops in St Arnaud Vic, Corowa NSW, Narrogin WA & Monto QLD (in conjunction with Burnett catchment care association)
- Feedback received indicates the workshops have been extremely valuable and relevant with the majority of participants intending to use or recommend ecoshelter bedding as a broadacre fertiliser.
- Interactive workshop covered topics such as nutrient content, use patterns in broadacre systems, application rates, timing, costs, soil improvement, the use of conventional fertilizer and utilized case studies and participants' experiences.
- A calculator was made available to participants attending the workshops to assist assess the value of pig bedding.
- A final workshop will be held in SA likely in June 2016.

Additional information:

- Contact Janine Price at janine.price@australianpork.com.au or 02 6270 8827 to register your interest in the SA workshop or for further ecoshelter bedding information

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