



New Zealand Farm Forestry Association (Inc)

Trees on Farms Workshop: Poplar Management

Wednesday February 15 from 8.45am until 3.30pm:
morning session at the Wallingford Hall, Bush Road, Central
Hawke's Bay,
Afternoon session in the field, Bush Road

Programme

Chairman: Angus Gordon, NZ Farm Forestry Association executive

8.45: Gather at Wallingford Hall for morning tea

9.00: Welcome from Bruce Wills, national president of Federated Farmers and chairman of the Poplar and Willow Research Trust

9.10: Andrew Newman, Hawke's Bay Regional Council chief executive on new council tree-planting initiatives

9.25: Scientist Ian McIvor from the Poplar and Willow Research Trust on new poplar clones and the nutritive value of these trees for stock fodder

9.45: AgResearch scientist Keith Betteridge on the new work he has done on the Parsons Estate farm in Bush Road on the benefits of trees for shade and shelter for cattle.

10.05: Video clips of local farm foresters shown by Ian Nicholas

10.30: break

10.50: AgFirst consultant Peter Livingston presenting on farm economics and opportunities for marginal land

11.25: Panel discussion on poplar and willow management with former Hawke's Bay Regional Council staff Garth Eyles and Neil Faulknor, and current staff Peter Manson, Warwick Hesketh and Angela Stead

12.00: Pick up a \$10 paper bag lunch. This is a fund raiser for the local school.

Drive down Bush Road to the first stop – Lunch – at the top of the hill on Brenden and Jo Reidy's Parsons Estate farm.

The objective of the afternoon session is to find out how to manage poplar and willow trees by pruning so they don't get too old, split and become a liability, and to find out how to manage them for droughts, so they are sustainable sources of stock fodder.

Stop 1 Alleyway: Pines etc

Speakers here include

- Brenden Reidy on the planting policy at Parsons Estate: to concentrate on the worst paddocks first, save money, be resilient and sustainable,
- Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry Association president Ed Saathof, the forestry manager for Pan Pac, on opportunities for pine plantings, and
- Ian Nicholas on speciality timber opportunities such as cypresses and eucalypts.

Head back down the hill to

Stop 2 Triangle Paddock: Poplars and Willows

- A best practice demonstration with Warwick Hesketh and Angela Stead of HBRC on where to plant trees on a slope and which species work best where, and a demo of two types of planting methods using a rammer and pole auger
- Hawke's Bay Farm Foresters Alec Olsen and Malcolm O'Dwyer will show how to form prune young poplars and willows which were planted in 2010 to enable easy management later

Head back to the woolshed for Stop 3:

- How to safely drop larger poplars and willows, a demonstration by Jaden Herron on some willows planted in 1996.

Turn left out the gate and head down to 1157 Bush Road, the last stop of the day on Hamish and Janine McLean's property:

Stop 4:

- How to pollard middle aged trees (about 15 years old) for stock fodder (comments also from Alec Olsen and James)
- James Hunter, QEII National Trust director on planting indigenous species
- Conclusion

The day is free, and participants will receive a booklet on the day's information, and CD of technical information to take away. The day is

part of a national series of field days funded by the Sustainable Farming Fund and the NZ Farm Forestry Association.

To assist with catering planning and preparing information handouts please register for the day. RSVP to Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry branch secretary Marie Taylor on 0274 424 536 or after hours on 06 836 7018 or email planthawkesbay@xtra.co.nz by 5 February.