

# The Prods

## Newsletter

**Go Fishing Day!**

**Board of Directors  
update**

**Summer fallow  
management**

**Win a drone**

**Narromine Corn  
trip**

**S&B Insurance**

**Prune Recipe**

**Prune expert  
visits Yenda**

**Horticulture  
update**

# Go Fishing Day!



Yenda celebrated its second Go Fishing Day at Yenda Centenary Park on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The local Yenda Hotel Fishing Club applied for a fishing grant off NSW Recreational Fishing Trust which included a pack of fishing rods and goody bags for kids aged from 4 – 14. About 60 kids and adults turned up for the day's BBQ etc which went off well.

Big thank you once again to the Yenda Prods for their sponsorship for supplying the shirts, hats, drink bottles etc, also to local business Yenda Pioneer Butchery for donating the best sausages in the Riverina, Real juice in Griffith for the fresh orange juice and Rossies for their help. Thanks to Alivia Irvine also for her fantastic job of face painting.

---

---

## Pink up for Cancer

For your generosity, we thank you!

As a community we have come together once again to raise awareness and much needed funds for a great cause!

Yenda Producers would like to thank every member, customer, employee, supplier and fellow businesses for your support and donations during Pink Up Month.

Together we have raised in excess of \$14,000 for the McGrath Foundation and their breast care nurses.

Your support and encouragement has made this all possible.



# S&B Insurance

Christmas can be tiring, stressful and challenging!

Let us take away the stress of worrying about your insurances.

This Christmas leave your insurance worries to us.

From the Insurance Desk at Spencer & Bennett we wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Call Lynda & Leonie at Griffith Office 6966 8900 to arrange a quote.

**SPENCER & BENNETT – YENDA PRODS PTY LTD**

**Corporate Authorised Representative No. 257472**

ABN: 97 080 911 959

T: (02) 6966 8900 | F: (02) 6964 0237 | M: 0409 719 602 (Lynda)

Authorised Representatives of:

**NAS Insurance Brokers** (the Licensee)

ABN: 60 096 916 184 | ACN: 096 916 184 | AFSL 233750



# For Sale by tender

## Used 845T Marshall Spreader – As is.

Serial number: 804 6804

Ground Speed Driven belt

PTO Driven Spinners

To arrange an inspection contact the Leeton Branch

**Tenders Should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Leeton branch marked: ATT: Chris Butler – “845T tow Spreader Tender”**



## Used Cole Grouper – as is.

Capacity – 8/10 tonne

To arrange an inspection contact the Leeton Branch

**Tenders Should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Leeton branch marked: ATT: Chris Butler – “Cole Grouper Tender”.**



## Used Side delivery Bins - as is.

4 x Side Delivery bins – 4/5 tonne approximate capacity

1 x Side Delivery bin – 8 tonne approximate capacity

1 x Side Delivery bin – 10 tonne approximate capacity

General condition is fair.

To be inspected and collected ex the Leeton Branch.

Please contact Chris Butler 6953 9000

**Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked;**

**Att: Chris Butler – “Side Delivery Bin tender ex Leeton Branch”**



- All tenders to Include GST.
- Tenders can be mailed to Yenda Producers PO Box 645 Leeton NSW 2705
- Tenders close January 22nd 2017.
- Yenda Producers reserves the right not to accept the highest tender if it is perceived not to meet value expectations.

# WIN A DRONE

with

## YENDA PRODUCERS CO-OPERATIVE

*"Your Partners in Farming"*<sup>®</sup>

and

# FMC

Between October 1st 2017 and February 28th 2018 any purchases of the below products in stated pack sizes will give you 1 entry for a chance to win. \*

Hammer	5ltr
Canopy oil	1000ltr
Aura	5ltr
Danadim	10ltr



PHANTOM 3  
ADVANCED

### YENDA

59-61 Mirrool Avenue

Yenda NSW 2681

P: 02 6961 3300

F: 02 6968 1480

[yenda@yendaprods.com.au](mailto:yenda@yendaprods.com.au)

### LEETON

2 Canal Street

Leeton NSW 2705

P: 02 6953 9000

F: 02 6953 4871

[leeton@yendaprods.com.au](mailto:leeton@yendaprods.com.au)

### GRIFFITH

Lot 1/1310 Hillston Road

Griffith NSW 2680

P: 02 6966 8900

F: 02 6964 0236

[griffith@yendaprods.com.au](mailto:griffith@yendaprods.com.au)

### FRUIT & CASE

31-34 Yenda Place

Yenda NSW 2681

P: 02 6968 1268

F: 02 6968 1195

[fruitandcase@yendaprods.com.au](mailto:fruitandcase@yendaprods.com.au)

Winners to be drawn March 23rd 2018. \* Yenda Fruit & Case and Yenda Prods main store sales will be combined with 1 drone available to win.

GET THE  
**T SERIES**<sup>®</sup>  
GENETIC ADVANTAGE

# PIONEER<sup>®</sup> HYBRID 44T02 (TT)



## A GAME CHANGING HYBRID WITH OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND AGRONOMIC PACKAGE

This exciting T Series<sup>®</sup> hybrid offers unmatched performance in the early-mid maturity triazine-tolerant segment. Pioneer<sup>®</sup> hybrid 44T02 (TT) demonstrates very solid performance to assist risk management in low to medium rainfall growing zones, demonstrating exceptional adaptability and yield for maturity. Excellent hybrid vigour helps deliver effective weed control results through superior crop competition and early canopy closure.

### KEY FEATURES

- Segment leading performance coupled with outstanding agronomic package makes for reliable returns and ease of management.
- Early-mid season (4) maturity, displaying excellent adaptability, ideally suited to low to medium rainfall growing zones.
- Delivers excellent early growth resulting in superior crop competition and early canopy closure which enhances weed control.
- Robust blackleg resistance – [R].

### AGRONOMIC PROFILE

**Product type:** T-Series<sup>®</sup> triazine tolerant hybrid

**Herbicide tolerance trait:** Tested for tolerance to triazine herbicides, Simazine and Atrazine.

**Maturity:** Early - mid season (4)

**Blackleg rating:** R\*

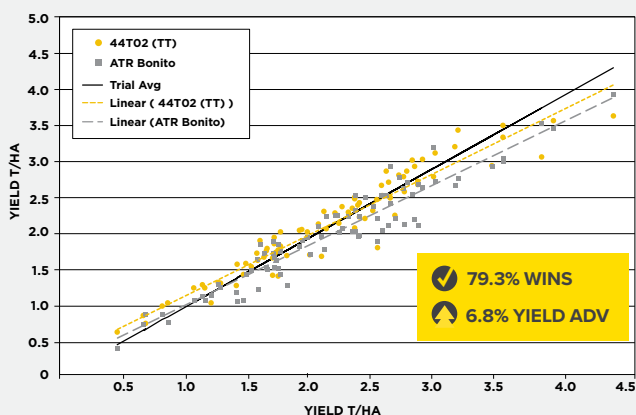
**GRDC resistance grouping:** A, B & D

Grain oil content:	8
Plant vigour:	8
Plant height:	9
Crop standability:	7
Shatter tolerance:	8
Grain test weight:	8

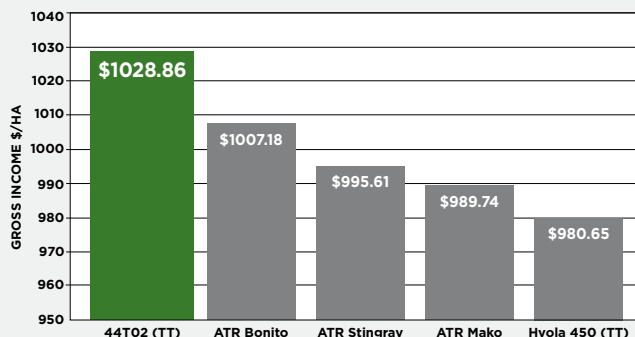
RATING: 1 = poor 9 = excellent

\* 2017 official GRDC rating with standard Beta Strike<sup>®</sup> treatment

2015 & 2016 GRDC NVT where both products were represented. 82 Locations, 79.3% wins, 6.8% yield advantage.



Gross income \$/ha calculated from yield and oil% from NVT results for national triazine tolerant canola trials for all regions in 2015 & 2016 where all varieties listed were represented.



Base price of \$500/t used for gross income calculations

1800 PIONEER  
pioneerseeds.com.au

A YATES FAMILY  
OWNED COMPANY

RESEARCHED,  
TRIALED AND  
TRUSTED.

EVERY  
SINGLE SEED.



®, ™, SM, Trademarks and service marks of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. © 2017, GenTech Seeds Pty Ltd. All other marks are the property of their respective owners. No part of this publication can be reproduced without prior written consent from GenTech Seeds Pty Ltd. The information presented in this technical sheet is from sources that are considered reliable. It is provided in good faith and every care has been taken to ensure its accuracy. GenTech Seeds Pty Ltd. does not accept any responsibility for the consequences of any decision based on this information. A limited Product Warranty applies and can be read on the reverse side of the bag of all Pioneer<sup>®</sup> brand seed products.



# Prunes

## Californian Prune Specialist's flying visit to Yenda



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Australian prune growers had an opportunity to meet one of California's leading prune specialists. Franz Niederholzer is a researcher at the University of California and was in Australia attending the VII International Symposium on Almonds and Pistachios in Adelaide as a guest speaker. Whilst here, Franz managed to make time to travel to Cobram, Griffith and Yenda to visit and speak to our prune growers.

Mr Niederholzer inspected several orchards on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> in Darlington Point before attending a meet and greet at Peter Raccenlo's variety trial site in Yenda on the Sunday.

Around 15 growers and several representatives from Yenda Producers Co-operative were in attendance to learn and discuss many topics including nutrition, tree spacings, canopy management, pest and disease management, varieties, rootstocks and the effect of heat at bloom in our local area.

Mr Niederholzer was impressed with the quality of the Australian orchards. He commented on how uniform they were and how large and healthy the trees looked.

A special thanks to Grant Delves and Ann Furner for helping coordinating the day and Franz's visit to our area.





# Horticulture update

Early season heat and wind during flowering of many varieties of Prunes, has resulted in a low crop load for this season. Early varieties such as Van Der Merwe are cropping well, but later varieties were significantly affected. Mite activity has been detected in Stonefruit this season, with the threat increasing over summer. Hot windy weather can increase infestations, which have the opportunity to increase pest numbers significantly.

Fruit set in grapes has been mixed, which has been attributed to frequent winter frosts and lack of water over the winter months. After recent rains in October, downy mildew has been found in some areas. It is important that when spraying there is complete spray coverage throughout the canopy. The threat of powdery mildew can increase over the coming months, especially with dense canopies and restricted airflow.

Fruit set in citrus is variable across the region with fruit drop currently occurring. Citrus gall wasp larvae are beginning to emerge. Samurai (Clothianidin) is the only systemic insecticide that has a permit for use to control gall wasp. It has a 19 week withholding period and should be applied immediately after flowering.

Queensland Fruit Fly adults are starting to be found in Griffith and Yenda. It is important that regular monitoring of traps is carried out as well as inspections of developing fruit. Population levels this year are starting from a low base, due to the intense winter frosts. Any action against QFF has better chance of success than in previous seasons, as long as monitoring and baiting is started early before QFF population levels rise.

**NEW PRODUCTS-** Trivor (Acetamiprid & Pyriproxyfen), is both a group 4A and 7C insecticide, is registered for use on citrus to control Red scale, Pink wax scale, Black scale, Citrus mealybug, Citrus leafminer and the suppression of Kelly's citrus thrips at 1.6L/ha. Trivor has a 14-day withholding period.

Botector (*Aureobasidium pullulans*) is an organically registered product for Botrytis on wine grapes. Botector is used at 100g/100L and can be used up until harvest. Botector should be applied as preventative spray well before Botrytis is evident, and needs good spray coverage, as it is not mobile within the canopy.

---

Follow us on Facebook, Yenda Producers Co-operative Society Ltd, for news and updates.





# Narromine Corn trip

Yenda Producers in conjunction with Gentech Pioneer Seeds took 9 Maize Co Op clients on an information tour to the Gentech Pioneer Seeds processing facility Narromine followed by a tour of Lachlan Commodities recieval and grading plant at Forbes.

All growers and YPC staff gained valuable insight into both areas of the industry and enjoyed the valuable networking opportunities with other members of the maize industry as well.



# Summer fallow management: what is it worth?

2017 was the ninth driest winter on record, with three months of well below average rainfall. Ignoring the compounding effect of frosts this year, it was clear to see paddocks which had followed a good summer spray program and had conserved moisture from 2016. With growing season rainfall for many areas at just 90ml by September, the yield potential of crops was largely determined by retained moisture.

Spraying summer fallow weeds conserves soil moisture and nutrients, increasing the yield potential of the future crop. The weeds transpire water that could be used in the succeeding crop. Significant mineralisation of organic nitrogen also occurs following rain during the summer fallow, and is a major source of N for subsequent crops. Summer fallow weeds reduce mineral nitrogen by drying the soil and by accumulating nitrogen which is not immediately available for subsequent crop growth.

High rates of return on investment are almost always seen from timely management of fallow weeds. The average return on investment in weed control (\$ per \$ invested) from fifteen different trials across Australia from 2009-2011 was found to be \$6. However, economic returns from the increase in yield potential are greater when spray programs start early. Delaying a spray to wait for subsequent germinations will result in reduced moisture and nitrogen savings.

A NSW DPI trial at Rankin Springs in 2010 looked at the impact of different weed control timings in a summer fallow. The different timings included a nil spray (no fallow spray until a knockdown prior to sowing), miss first spray (first fallow spray excluded) and a delayed spray (first spray 14 days after complete spray) and complete spray (weeds sprayed at ideal timings with zero weed tolerance). It was found that complete control increased yield by 45% when compared to the nil treatment. The 2010 season was wetter than average, therefore nitrogen savings from weed control was more influential on yield rather than moisture savings in this trial. However, in seasons with low growing season rainfall, savings on moisture is the biggest influence on increasing yield.

The trial also found that controlling weeds when they were younger was easier and more cost effective. The delayed and miss first spray treatments required higher rates of herbicide or got to a stage where herbicides were no longer effective, especially when fleabane was present.

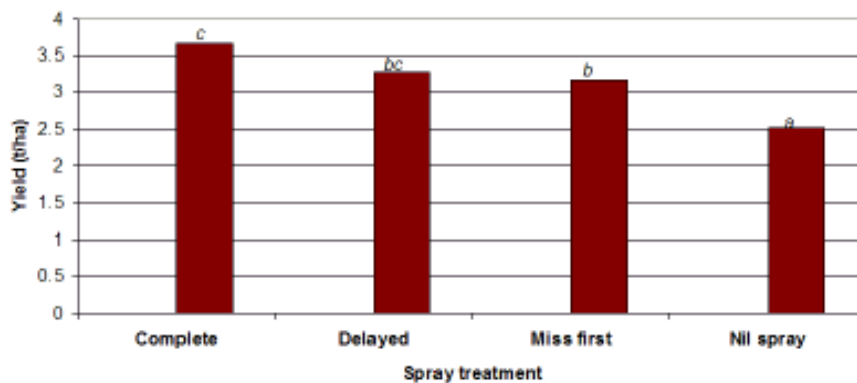


Figure 1: Impact of weed control treatments on yield at Rankin Springs.

Huge gains can be made in both moisture and nitrogen saving from effective fallow management. Timing of spraying is also key, not only for the increases in yield but for the reduced costs and increased efficacy of spray program. A dry 2017 has reinforced the need to conserve moisture, and the benefits that come from having good summer fallow management.

## References

Cameron, J. & Storrie, A. (eds). (2014). Summer fallow weed management in the southern and western grains regions of Australia – a reference for grain growers and advisers. GRDC publication, Australia

Haskins, B.J. & McMaster, C.L. 2012. Summer fallow management in 2010 across Central West NSW. In. (Australian Society of Agronomy. Available at [http://www.regional.org.au/au/asa/2012/soil-water-management/8114\\_haskinsbj.html](http://www.regional.org.au/au/asa/2012/soil-water-management/8114_haskinsbj.html))



# Board of Directors – A Big Thank You

The Board of Directors of the Co – operative has seen a couple of changes over the past month.

Terry McFarlane announced he was stepping down as Chairman and retiring from the Board of the Co – op, effective from 23/11/2017. Terry commenced on the Board in 1997 and took over the role of Chairman in 2010, a position he has carried out for the last 7 years. During his time on the Board Terry has been instrumental in guiding the Co – op through both the good and testing times and has contributed significantly to the continued growth of the Co – op. We would like to thank Terry for his loyal and dedicated service to the Co-op over this time.

Following Terry's retirement, Michele Groat has been appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Board. Michele is currently working in conjunction with the Rice Growers Association implementing the delivery of the on farm efficiency program.

Nayce Dalton has been elected as the new Chairman, in Terry's place. Nayce has been on the Board of the Co – op for over 9 years, serving as Deputy Chairman since 2010.

Max Douglas, a Director since 2002, has been appointed as Deputy Chairman.



# Prune Recipe

## Prune and Cranberry Cosmopolitan

Preparation time: 5 minutes

Serves: 1

### INGREDIENTS:

30ml Australian prune juice

30ml cranberry juice

30 ml vodka

15 ml cointreau

15ml lime juice

### METHOD:

1. Combine all ingredients in a muddling glass.
2. Shake well with ice, pour into chilled martini glass. Garnish with lime.

Recipe owned by: The Australian Prune Industry Association @ausprunes

### YENDA

PO Box 19

Yenda NSW 2681

P: 02 6961 3300

F: 02 6968 1480

yenda@yendaprods.com.au

### LEETON

PO Box 645

Leeton NSW 2705

P: 02 6953 9000

F: 02 6953 4871

leeton@yendaprods.com.au

### GRIFFITH

PO Box 1446

Griffith NSW 2680

P: 02 6966 8900

F: 02 6964 0236

griffith@yendaprods.com.au

### FRUIT & CASE

PO Box 501

Yenda NSW 2681

P: 02 6968 1268

F: 02 6968 1195

fruitandcase@yendaprods.com.au

[www.yendaprods.com.au](http://www.yendaprods.com.au)