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Take a closer look at soil biology

Understanding the biological workings of soil is crucial to achieving healthier, more profitable and sustainable farming systems.

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC and the Condamine Alliance are hosting a free soil biology workshop on June 19 near Dalby to help answer the questions surrounding the what, why and how of soil biology.

The half day workshop, targeted at grain and cotton producers, will include insight into what soil biology is and the role it plays, how to measure it and the benefits of different soil biological products in a cropping farming system.

The workshop will be facilitated by soils extension specialist, Helen Squires from the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries.

Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) development extension officer, Kate Charleston from Dalby, said soil biology was a complex yet crucial component to any farming system.

“With so many new soil biological products on the market it pays to be armed with the right knowledge and questions to ask before investing,” Ms Charleston said.

“The day will take a practical look at soil biology and aim to help growers save money and improve sustainable production”.

“Participants are encouraged to bring along their questions and take the opportunity to get the answers they need.”

The soil biology workshop will be held on Tuesday 19 June, 9am to 1pm. The venue is Glen Fresser’s property ‘Mayfield’ on the road to Moonie, approximately 20km south of Dalby. Lunch will be provided.

For catering purposes, please register for the workshop by 14 June with Kate Charleston on 07 4669 0815, mobile 0428 271 599, or email kate.charleston@dpi.qld.gov.au
