

Press release :

Sustainable Agriculture - Knowledge is power on Norfolk Island

Knowledge is power, and in any business enterprise, education confers the power to be profitable. There is now a whole new technology available, which can ensure both increased profitability and improved sustainability in agriculture. Balance - both mineral and biological - is the keystone of this approach, but there are numerous management tips, tricks and synergies that complete the equation. The bottom line is the fact that this holistic precision approach simply outperforms the conventional approach.

Australian company Nutri-Tech Solutions Pty Limited (NTS) specialises in the relationship between soil health, animal health & human health and have become a recognised world leader in biological agriculture.

Their in-depth training programmes are rapidly becoming prerequisites for growers wishing to increase productivity and profitability and consultants who want to increase their skills.

The Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture features the NTS Management Approach where biological agronomists cover every aspect of microbe, soil and plant nutrition (and protection).

Norfolk Island will be host to their next Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture seminar to be held 24-28 September 2009.

Speaker/author Graeme Sait will head up the Norfolk Island seminar. Graeme is the founder and CEO of Nutri-Tech Solutions Pty Ltd, and had this to say about the Island when he visited in September 2008 at the invitation of the Norfolk Island Government :

“I could not have been more impressed with this place during my first visit. In fact, it is now amongst my top three locations on the planet Imagine air that is so fresh it almost feels like your lungs are drinking and water so clear that you can see the dolphins and turtles many meters below. Consider a sub-tropical climate where the temperature never drops below 10 degrees Celsius and never rises above 28 degrees.

Lush farmland, fuelled by volcanic soils with over 10% organic matter, stretches to the waters edge and that perimeter features azure blue ocean, golden sands and spectacular rock outcrops and caves. The vegetation is like a fusion between the best of New Zealand and sub-tropical Australia with jacarandas, poincianas and frangipanis interspersed with pohutukawas and punga ferns. Majestic Norfolk pines are an unforgettable feature throughout, with some of them exceeding 400 years of age.”

The four days seminar will feature Mineral Management, Microbe Management, Plant Management and Pest Management with Human Health Management interspersed throughout. People attending the seminar will have the opportunity to take home a multi-choice exam to complete and return within one month of the course. Growers with a pass in each subject will be issued with the NTS Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture to commemorate their success.

The 4 day certificate course includes comprehensive presentations and hands-on workshops. The human health workshop is both entertaining and informative with patrons receiving a comprehensive report card on their personal health. A three course dinner with an after-dinner speaker is part of the program as is a fine range of organic/locally grown foods supplied throughout each day. On Monday there is a field trip for interested parties where visits to local farms will show attendees how strategies are being implemented.

For those interested in attending the Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture on Norfolk Island, The Travel Centre on Norfolk Island has put together a range of accommodation and touring options including airfares. For further details contact the Travel Centre on 0800 00 88 10, via email at travel@travelcentre.nf or visit their website www.travelcentre.nf

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