

Claying Sandy Soils

Claying must be done the right way to get the most benefit!



WANTFA Meckering Site, 2001.

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Crabtree Agricultural Consulting
7 Frankish Road
Northam WA 6401

Workshop Details

Dates: Mon 4th – Fri 8th April 2005
Time: Mingenew: 8.00 am to 1.00 pm
All others: 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Includes a visit to a recently clayed paddock.

Venues: Esperance Yacht Club
South Stirlings Hall
Meckering Sports Club
Badgingarra Hall
Mingenew Rec. Centre

Limited Places: Places are limited to about 25 people—so avoid missing out and register now.

Cost: \$220—includes, workshop, booklet and a cuppa.

Further Enquiries

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5 Statewide practical workshops for overcoming water repellent soils



Don't miss out—register now!

- Esperance • Mon 4th April
- South Stirlings • Tue 5th April
- Meckering • Wed 6th April
- Badgingarra • Thu 7th April
- Mingenew • Fri 8th April



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Presenters

Roger Grocock

"15 years of claying and now delving"

Roger is from Bordertown and has been spreading clay since 1990. Roger also has lots of delving experience.



Daniel Morgan

"Claying in 325 mm rainfall"

Daniel is a dynamic and energetic farmer with 5 years claying experience. He does contract work for other local farmers in the Geranium area of the south-east of SA. A great communicator with a strong understanding of claying issues.



Bill Crabtree (B.Ag.Sci., M.Sc.)

"Economics of claying the right way"

Bill has a Masters Degree that focused on managing water-repellent soils and is a consultant based in Northam.

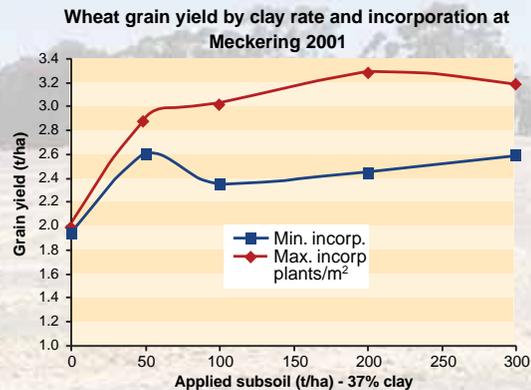


"Despite a lot of claying been done in WA over the last 5 years few people have done it really well. A test is, if you have not lifted cereal grain yield by 1.0 to 1.5 t/ha then chances are it has not been done properly."

The Problem...

Sandy and non-wetting soils cover about 2 million hectares in WA. Sandy soils are a problem both environmentally and agriculturally, as they are susceptible to wind and water erosion. They cause many other problems also—see the list opposite.

The below trial that Bill Crabtree established, while with WANTFA, at a Meckering site shows that a 1.5 t/ha increase in grain yield is possible when claying is done properly.



There is a cost-effective and permanent solution!

Benefits of claying sandy soils include:

- 50% grain yield increases are common
- Reduction in frost damage often seen
- Controls erosion & decreases recharge
- Increases nutrients and organic matter
- Improves crop and weed germination
- Improved herbicide activity
- Increased land value—is cost effective!

Wouldn't this benefit YOU... ...and YOUR farm?

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2004 Claying Sandy Soils

Fax to: **Crabtree Agricultural Consulting**
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Name: No. attending Phone:

Address:

P/code:

Registration Fee: \$220 registrations fee per person (GST incl) Total:

Please make cheques payable to: Crabtree Agricultural Consulting, or EFT to: BSB: 066524, Account No. 10107277.



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