



Biological Farming

A TAFE course for all farmers



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Teacher: Alan Coates, North Coast TAFE Wollongbar
Course duration: 9 sessions over 18 weeks
When: Every second Monday – 8.30 AM to 4.30 PM– starting 26 July 2010
Where: Coffs Harbour - venue TBA

Class members will evaluate soil health and management practices on their respective farms using the Northern Rivers Soil Health Card and soil lab analyses. Class members will then develop a soil management plan for their farm using biological farming principles and the NEW Soil Best Management Practice Guides.

Farmers who complete the course and submit the course assessment (a soil management plan for their farm) will be reimbursed the \$219.00 TAFE course fee. Spaces are limited.

Course Schedule

26/07/10	Biological Farming Principles
09/08/10	Composting, Build Compost Heap
23/08/10	Soil Balance, Mineral Balance, pH, Nutrient Sources
06/09/10	Compost Check, Soil Structure, Soil Texture, Soil Profiles, Soil Water
20/09/10	Soil Carbon, Soil Biology, Soil Health Card
11/10/10	Compost Check, Mulches, Cover Crops, Biodiversity
25/10/10	Soil Testing, Soil/Plant Nutrition, Fertilizers, Nutrient Access
08/11/10	Compost Check, Develop Biological Soil Management Plan
22/11/10	Soil Degradation, Sustainable Soil Management

Recommended reading: ***The Biological Farmer*** – *A Complete Guide to the Sustainable and Profitable Biological System of Farming* by Gary Zimmer
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