



# Biological Farming

## Dairy



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Teacher: Dave Forrest, North Coast TAFE Wollongbar  
Course duration: 9 sessions over 9 weeks  
When: Mondays 9.30 AM to 2.30 PM (start and finish times to be confirmed with participants)  
Where: Wollongbar TAFE and various field sites depending on location of participant farms.

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.

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.

<b>Course Schedule</b>	
Monday, 11 October	INTRODUCTION TO BIOFARMING BIOLOGICAL FARMING PLANS SOIL HEALTH CARD PRACTICAL COMPOST PRODUCTION
Monday, 18 October	SOIL FERTILITY AND PASTURE PRODUCTION ORGANIC MATTER CYCLES BETTER MANAGEMENT PRACTISES SOIL HEALTH CARD PRACTICAL
Monday, 25 October	PLANT AND SOIL NUTRITION FERTILISER USE SOIL HEALTH CARD PRACTICAL
Monday, 08 November	SOIL BIOLOGY MANAGEMENT DUNG BEETLES, WORMS ASSESSING BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY
Monday, 15 November	PASTURE COMPOSITION SOIL HEALTH CARD REVIEW

Monday, 22 November	COMPOST MANAGEMENT USING BIOLOGICAL EXTRACTS PRACTICAL
Monday, 29 November	BETTER MANAGEMENT PRACTISES REVIEW FIELD EXAMPLES
Monday, 6 December	BIOLOGICAL FARM PLANS GROUP SESSION REVIEW
Monday, 13 December	COURSE REVIEW REVIEW AND FINALISE DOCUMENTS

Recommended reading: ***The Biological Farmer*** – *A Complete Guide to the Sustainable and Profitable Biological System of Farming* by Gary Zimmer  
SoilCare Inc has not been able to fulfil orders for this book because the major booksellers have not been able to source the book. The Coop Bookshop may have a few copies. [www.coop-bookshop.com.au](http://www.coop-bookshop.com.au)

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