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Benefits of Pasture Cropping Revealed

NSW farmer Col Seis developed the concept of Pasture cropping over a few beers with a mate back in the 1990's, and has since been refining and sharing the practice with farmers worldwide. Mr Sies delivered a pasture cropping workshop on March 7 at Dadswells Bridge with Project Platypus.

Pasture Cropping is a technique of sowing cereal crops directly into native perennial pastures. It combines grazing and cropping into a single land use, where each one benefits the other economically and environmentally.

Pasture Cropping was developed out of necessity when the Seis family farm was struggling under conventional farming methods. "The concept was well received by workshop participants, as Col is able to provide his first hand knowledge and experiences, and because pasture cropping requires fewer inputs, improved soil health and creates higher productivity. These are obviously appealing outcomes which farmers are keen to know more about" said Project Platypus events coordinator Bronwyn Bant. "It was also great to be able to host the event at a local property who have begun trialling pasture cropping, as they we're able to provide a physical example of the benefits of pasture cropping" said Ms Bant.

Photo Caption

"Pasture Cropping pioneer Col Sies speaks to participants at last weeks pasture cropping workshop organised by Project Platypus".

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