

PROGRAZE sustainable grazing management | Expression of interest

PROGRAZE® is a course developed by NSW Department of Primary Industries with funding from Meat and Livestock Australia and Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and delivered by Local Land Services.

Do you want more profitable and sustainable grazing systems?

To achieve this, you need new skills and knowledge of the interaction between pastures and grazing livestock. Producers can do this through PROGRAZE® a recognised, industry-leading training course based on proven principles of pasture and livestock production. Participants develop skills in pasture and animal assessment that improve the productivity and sustainability of grazing systems.

PROGRAZE® is designed to help producers:

- Develop practical pasture and livestock assessment skills
- To use these skills to improve the profitability and sustainability of grazing systems on their farms.

Riverina Local Land Services has teamed up with Phil Graham, from Phil Graham Consulting to offer PROGRAZE® to Riverina based producers during the 2022 to 2023 financial year with support from Holbrook Landcare Network and Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc.

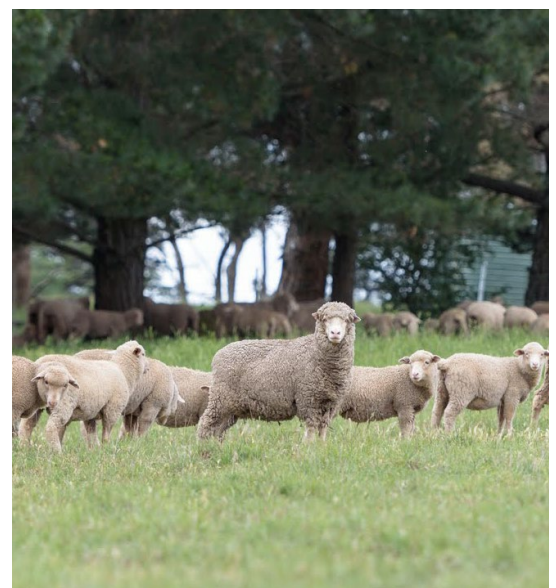
The first workshops will be starting in September 2022, please register your expression of interest (EOI) to participate before Friday 26 August 2022 via the Local Land Services website or the QR Code to qualify.

The course

PROGRAZE® is based on established proven principles of pasture and livestock production. Specifically, the interaction between pastures and grazing animals. Understanding these principles is the key to improving grazing systems, providing the basis for sound and effective grazing management decisions.

'Hands on learning' and skill development

PROGRAZE® is presented to individual groups and consists of 8 half day workshops, generally held 4 - 6 weeks apart. The course is conducted on group member's farms with in-paddock activities and discussion. Discussions with other local regional producers and practical sessions are combined for a larger social interactive learning experience.



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PROGRAZE® will help you to

- visually assess pasture
- understand how pasture quality & quantity impact animal production
- use pasture and livestock assessment to match pastures to livestock requirements
- assess livestock fat score/condition
- use grazing management to improve productivity and sustainability of pastures
- improve your ability to recognize pasture species
- use pasture assessment to make supplementary feeding decisions
- use grazing management to help control worms.

PROGRAZE benefits

The benefits of PROGRAZE® can be gauged from a recent survey of people who completed the course about one year earlier:

- 87% indicated participation in PROGRAZE® had resulted, or would result, in improved financial returns to their farm.
- 96% indicated participation in PROGRAZE® had resulted, or would result, in improved productivity and stability of pastures on their farm.
- 89% indicated PROGRAZE® had either a major or moderate impact on their grazing management.
- when asked if they would recommend PROGRAZE® to others, over 99% said they would.

Course fee

\$400 (+GST) per farm business, which is heavily subsidized by NSW Government funding, with full cost of around \$4,000 per participant. Two or more members from a farm business may participate for this fee.

How to participate

There is an opportunity to participate with one of the two groups across Central and Eastern Riverina districts, with participants from 12 – 18 farms per group. It is best if participants come from a local regional area to reduce travel and ensure grazing management issues are similar. Ideally the first two groups started will be located in the Junee/Cootamundra/Coolac area and the Gundagai/Adelong/Tumut area.

Registration

Scan the QR to register your interest, or visit our website

www.lls.nsw.gov.au/riv-prograze

EOI Registration closing date is 26 August 2022



For more information

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