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MacKillop Farm Management Group

2009-13 Caring For Country Precision Ag Project

“Increasing the awareness and role of Precision Ag in soil Carbon Management in the South-East of SA”

Starting in the new year, the new Precision Ag Project looks to build on the current project & try to achieve a greater understanding of how sustainable changes in farm management practices affects the accumulation of carbon within the soil.

The existing “PA Paddocks” at Bordertown, Padthaway, Frances, Apsley, Coonawarra & Conmurra will continue to be utilised to trial different management practices across different soil types & look at the yield potential and economic benefits of managing land according to soil type.

In addition, several paddocks throughout the South-East region that have historically either been re-engineered or had large quantities of soil ameliorants applied to improve production will be monitored for both yield benefits & also for changes in soil carbon levels over time.

Key activities will include:

- Presentations of Trial Results at MFMG Annual Trial Updates in March
- Paddock scale trials on existing sites
- Farmer meetings across different areas of the South-East with trial site visits, farm visits & Guest Speakers discussing the benefits of improved farm practices, soil Carbon & how Precision Ag relates to these issues

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