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New Group Formed to Promote Biological Agriculture

The Biological Farmers of Australia has formed a new sub committee to promote the principles, benefits and good practices of biological agriculture. Biological agriculture is identified as farming practices that seek to improve soil health by minimizing chemical input and pursuing best practice while still maintaining yields and product quality.

BFA CEO Paul Dargusch said that the Bionutrients sub committee seeks to promote the advantages of biological agriculture and educate people about best practice. "We often hear about the state of the environment and the various initiatives that are launched to reduce degradation.

Through the Allowed Inputters – companies whose products are approved for use in organic farming – we have a wealth of knowledge about biological agriculture and the benefits it provides," Mr Dargusch said.

"The biological agriculture industry is growing and it is time there is a representative group that can clear up some of the myths surrounding this industry and communicate sound, well researched information to farmers, government and peak bodies."

The broad objectives of the Bionutrients Subcommittee are to: promote the principles, demonstrate the benefits and educate about the good practices of biological agriculture. Through this, the Subcommittee aims to strengthen and unite the biological sector and partner with other organizations that are focused on sustainability in agriculture.

"The BFA is committed to providing this group with the support and resources it requires to take a lead role in the area of biological agriculture," Mr Dargusch said. "We recognize that not all growers are headed along the organic path but still want to take a different approach from traditional farming.

"The role of the Subcommittee will be to provide accurate information for these growers and demonstrate to the broader industry that sustainability goals are achievable."

For further details pertaining to the Bionutrient Subcommittee, its members and any other information please contact the B.F.A. on Tel- 07 – 3350 5716

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