

FarmPoint Computer and Training Program¹

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The FarmPoint Computer and Training Program aims to provide participating farmers with the necessary resources, skills and support to take advantage of information available online and to develop skills to enable improved business management. This is in accordance with the Government's SMART Farming Policy to: "provide second hand departmental computers to farmers who undertake courses on using computers to improve their businesses."

The FarmPoint Computer and Training Program will be rolled out from September 2007 in regional areas of Tasmania to eligible primary producers² at a cost of approximately \$250. FarmBis³ training accreditation is expected to enable growers to recoup up to \$150 of the cost after the training has been undertaken.

The FarmPoint Computer and Training Program includes a minimum of six hours customised computer training at a local Online Access Centre along with training materials including an ex-departmental computer.

Please fill out this survey in order to express your interest in this program. Your details will be entered into our database and you will be forwarded a full application form for the program.

Return your completed survey to:

*FarmPoint Computer and Training Program
Department of Primary Industries and Water
PO Box 46, Kings Meadows, TAS 7249*

Fax 03 6344 9814

¹ Program consists of an ex-departmental computer and a computer training program for eligible Tasmanian primary producers.

² Primary producers meeting the FarmBis guidelines will be considered eligible to participate in the program providing sufficient ex-departmental computers are available.

³ Farmers contributing the majority of their labour and deriving a majority of their income from commercial farming are eligible for FarmBis funding support for all the approved training topics.



1. Do you have a home computer? Yes/No
2. Who is the main computer user in the house?
 | You | Your Partner | Your Children | Others |
3. What type of Internet connection do you have
 | Dial-up | Broadband | No Internet Connection |

4. Do you use the Internet to help run your business? Yes/No

5. Do you ever need information relating to:
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|-----------------------------|----|--------------|-------|
| Crops | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Livestock | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Community Services | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Grants | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Bushfires & Emergencies | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Animal Diseases & Outbreaks | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Rural Counselling | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Research & Development | No | Occasionally | Often |
| OH&S | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Natural Resource Management | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Water | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Land Conservation | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Threatened Species | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Forms & Permits | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Training & Education | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Weather | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Climate Change | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Weeds | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Farm Chemicals | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Marketing Opportunities | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Export | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Quarantine | No | Occasionally | Often |
| Other (Briefly outline) | | | |

6. How do you normally communicate with Government?
 | Service Tasmania | Telephone | Online | Email |
 Other

7. What dealings have you had with Government in the past 12 months?

8. Would you be interested in requesting forms and/or submitting applications to Government online? Yes/No
9. Do you have any other suggestions about how Government could improve access to information?

10. Are you interested in computer training and skills development? Yes/No

11. If yes, what type of training could be useful.
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|--|--------|
| Effective use of internet | Yes/No |
| Basic computer skills | Yes/No |
| Business Templates (faxes, invoices etc) | Yes/No |
| Business management and budgeting | Yes/No |
| Email (set up accounts, usage etiquette) | Yes/No |
| Working with digital photos | Yes/No |
| Other (briefly outline) | |
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12. Are you a: (please circle)
 | Farm owner | Farm worker | Agricultural contractor
 | Hobby farmer | Government employee | Education professional | Urban resident | Student | Other |

13. What production system are you involved in?
 | Sheep/Wool | Cropping | Fruit | Dairy | Beef | Other |

Name

Address

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Phone

Mobile

Fax

Email.....

Personal information will be collected from you for the purpose of the FarmPoint computer and training program and will be used by DPIW for managing, assessing, advising upon and determining eligibility for the program and may be used for other purposes within the FarmPoint project. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Department of Primary Industries and Water involved in the development and delivery of the FarmPoint project. Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary, for the efficient storage and use of the information. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to DPIW. You may be charged a fee for this service.