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## Annual Murray Bridge Client Show

You will recall that we postponed our annual client show earlier in the year due to Covid-19

**We invite our Murray Bridge clients to the Tailem Bend Football Club on 29<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm.**

RSVP by the Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to the Murray Bridge store - 8532 5264



No doubt you have all been enjoying the perfect autumn weather over the last few weeks. Cooler nights and mild days have certainly slowed vintage for our viticulture clients. Some late

season disease is beginning to show up and is a good indication of how the selected spray program has performed -there's always room for improvement!

While our horti clients work through harvest, our broadacre customers are preparing for the start of their season. Autumn is typically a time of anticipation and excitement, feelings that are generally on the back of seasonal and weather focused events. This year I sense that there is an element of nervousness and caution. Unfortunately, much bigger global matters have influenced our preparations for the season ahead. Input costs have escalated significantly with current

fertiliser prices at prohibitive levels for some of our clients in less reliable cropping zones, unprecedented fuel and freight costs and as we are all aware, a challenging and in some case limited supply line for many routine agchem products and seed lines!

Our media are very good at beating up the uncomfortable "what ifs" and so a constant barrage of bad news only builds further anxiety. Rather than get sidetracked or overwhelmed by these global matters, matters that are well outside of our control, we need to simply focus on making the right decisions for our own individual enterprises and do the best job possible for its long-term success.

Our agro's are well equipped to assist you in determining a viable and sustainable program even in challenging times such as 2022 is shaping up to be.

**Greg Schubert**

## Quote of the Month

"If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable."  
- Seneca.

## Broadacre

**Canola seed supplies** are very tight heading into the 2022 season. Obviously, the current elevated canola returns have motivated a much higher planting plan from croppers across all regions in Australia. Although some canola varieties are in a sold-out position, we still have some seed available if you still wish to capture the benefits achievable in canola production.

Syngenta recently advised caution when planting canola back on paddocks that had **Reflex** applied to them in 2021. Applications of Reflex to light grey calcareous soils has shown some necrosis in summer growing canola volunteers. We advise anyone in this situation to plant a small area of canola (ie: 2 square metres) to make an informed assessment of potentially susceptible paddocks.

**Herbicide updates** to consider for the 2022 season include a new herbicide option available for use this season. **Ultero 900WG** herbicide provides another mode of action for pre-emergent grass control in pulses. The strength of Ultero 900WG over a straight propyzamide will provide a higher level of grass control in situations where marginal soil moisture is present. We only have limited volumes available for the 2022 sowing season, please flag your interest early!

**Boxer Gold** is still a very good option for low rainfall or low weed pressure environments. In the higher rainfall areas we have seen later ryegrass germinations (>6 weeks) survive when the Boxer Gold is running out of legs. A 7-day incorporation window makes Boxer a great alternative to Trifluralin and Avadex and is also priced competitively to these old products.

**Luximax is a pre-emergent for use in wheat.** Luximax provides another group of chemistry and should be part of your program provided you can achieve a consistent sowing depth of 30mm or more. It doesn't have long term residual activity which makes it ideal when plant backs are a concern. Cont /2



## Seasonal reminders

- Please return all Electrocoup secateurs to our Nuriootpa store so that we can carry out the annual service prior to the pruning season. This service will extend the pro-rata warranty on the unit.
- Snails in vineyards will move down from the canopy and posts in autumn – spread Metarex bait now!

- Order Polymaster tanks ready for the winter rainfall – lead times have pushed out a little so prompt action is the order on this one!
- Call to order ear tags well in advance of lamb marking and sort all vaccine orders.
- Castrol oils in stock. Call to order all lubricants and grease for machinery maintenance over autumn sowing.

- As the weather cools rats and mice will seek shelter – in your sheds and machinery! Maintain vermin baiting around the house, shed and farm yard. We have a range of baits and stations to protect pets and livestock from the baits.
- Chep pallets are still in very short supply. Please return all pallets as soon as possible or call for collection!

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From page 1 ... **Overwatch** has quickly been established as an important part of our weed control strategy. Overwatch is a very good broad-spectrum herbicide and proved to be outstanding on ryegrass, bifora, wire weed and sow thistle. Our major learning from the 2021 launch year was that it is very important to get separation between the seed and the chemical. If adequate separation isn't achieved you will most certainly need a supply of Panadol! We also have some reservations about Overwatch use on lighter, low organic matter soils and especially when it is applied to barley in those conditions. **Reflex** provides a new option for broadleaf weed control in pulses. Reflex is very strong on brassica weeds and thistles which are always challenging in pulse crops. **Summer rainfall** has varied considerably across SA and this is certainly the case in our market region as well. Some areas haven't seen a lot of summer rain but **we do have a "green bridge" across many districts.** This bridge will harbour pests like Russian Wheat Aphids and also fungal diseases such as stripe rust. It is important that you are aware of this should that be the circumstance on your farm. A high priority should be placed on selecting an appropriate seed dressing to combat the increased risk of disease and pest pressure. We suggest Gaucho or Cruiser should be used to treat some or all of your seed. They offer robust longer-term protection.

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**Global fertiliser prices** remain high. Although this has added a heightened level of caution to our order book there is no doubt that the longer the conflict lasts in the Ukraine the longer it will take for prices to adjust back to a more stable base. Russia is the largest global exporter of ammonia, urea, phosphate and potash fertiliser products. This is further compounded by potash supplies traditionally exported from Belarus, a supporting nation to Russia. In addition to this many European fertiliser producers rely on raw ingredients sourced from Russia for their routine manufacturing. We do have a somewhat stable domestic price here in Australia at the moment. Although this does provide some relief, the situation has the potential to move higher as new imports of product land in Australia. Please contact any of the FJ's team as soon as possible to arrange or finalise your nutrition program for the forthcoming season!

## Pasture

Livestock prices remain strong across the entire red meat segment. This situation has led to an increased focus on pasture improvement to maximise weight gain, wool cut and conception rates when livestock are provided with high quality pasture. **Pasture and Lucerne seed** demand has certainly increased as a result of this situation over recent seasons, coupled to the ongoing freight issues around overseas shipments to Australia, most of our seed suppliers are getting very tight, or are in fact stocked out, on their common small seeds and lucerne varieties. Please consult with one of our Pasture Agro's ASAP to discuss your individual seed requirements for all autumn pasture renovation and fodder crop plans.

We have a large range of proven **Ryegrass** varieties on hand suited to the range of rainfall zones that our clients are based in. If your preferred variety isn't in store we may have a very similar alternative on hand. We are able to source other options provided they are available. We also have a range of both traditional and dual-purpose cereals and vetch for hay production and forage brassicas for paddock specific grazing options. **Custom Blends** are also available, specific to your production goals and also determined by the availability of irrigation etc. We have several trial plots available to assist us in prioritising local suitability of varieties. Please contact one of our agro's to talk in more detail about your situation and also be guided by their experience with what has proven to be successful in similar local conditions.

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## Viticulture and Orchard

Although we copped a bit of adverse weather early in harvest, vintage has progressed well over the last few weeks. It does seem a more 'traditional season' has been the general experience even though the season is determined to be later than normal. Shiraz yields have been lower than average for most whilst cabernet crops are looking quite good as the season progresses.

**Post-harvest** fertiliser and irrigation applications are an important part of preparing the vine for next season before the onset of dormancy. Be sure to base post-harvest nutritional plans to cover the nutrients removed by this season's crop.

Although crop yields might have been down compared to previous years, it is still important to maintain and replenish soil reserves to ensure an adequate supply of nutrition is available for future crops.

**Compost** is a very valuable addition to the vineyard and assists with overall soil health and the addition of carbon incorporation.

Undertaking strategic soil testing in the vineyard after harvest will provide a complete understanding of what nutrients are deficient and what nutrients are "in the bank" for future use. We can assist with the formulation of a custom blend of nutrition added to compost so that only a one pass application is necessary to satisfy the vineyards requirements. Custom blends can include lime and gypsum to alleviate acidity and to assist with sodium rich soils as well as NPK products for a basic nutrient supplement. Jeffries Early Order special has been extended to mid-April - be sure to place all orders prior to ensure you also receive this offer!

**Cover cropping** remains an important management option in vineyards and orchards. Whether the goal of a cover crop is to increase soil organic matter, provide nitrogen through various legume options or to just be aesthetically pleasing over the course of winter, we have seed to cater for your requirements.

Please contact our agronomy staff for assistance with personalised cover cropping blends or for any further information specific to your situation.

**Herbicide plans** need to be reviewed now, well before the onset of the weed spraying season. We have highlighted the issues we are currently faced with in regard to product supply across a range herbicide of options. This situation is also relevant to the products we use in viticulture. It would therefore be prudent to start planning any herbicide programs now to manage weed species that are evident in the vineyard and to reduce seed set heading into next season.

Please have a conversation with any of the FJ agro's for assistance with your annual weed control review, for any help with weed identification and to ensure your herbicide plan includes a rotation of actives to negate the onset of herbicide resistance.

**Citrus growers** need to keep an eye out for the **Citrus Leaf Miner**. Active at the moment, the miner attacks soft leaf tissue, buries itself beneath the surface and feeds up and down the leaf ruining the young flush on most citrus varieties. Although minor damage occurs on large trees, a young tree is reliant on this growth flush for development, a whole years growth can be devastated. Insecticides need to be translaminar or systemic in action to accomplish complete control.

Copper sprays will be in order in the next few weeks. Red copper is the preferred cover spray requested by packing sheds. Call us to arrange your requirements.

**Bugs for Bugs** is a company that supplies beneficial insects to assist in controlling pests such as scale, mites, caterpillars and nuisance flies. The use of beneficial insects reduces reliance on pesticides and provides long term sustainable control options of pest organisms through integrated pest management programs.

Please contact our agro's for more information on how the options from Bugs for Bugs might be incorporated into your management systems.

### General information for nutrition planning for all horticulture crops.

Please spend some time planning this season's nutrition program now. We are faced with lengthy delays from the time of ordering products to final supply into our store up to four to six months! We have also indicated previously that these input costs have experienced unprecedented increases. Now is the best time to plan and commit to a nutrition program to avoid further increases and the possibility of not having your fertiliser arrive on time or as we experienced last year "at all"! Contact us to discuss your program requirements so that we in turn can allocate product to ensure on time supply!

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**Pre-Lambing vaccinations** are on the agenda at the moment with some lambs on the ground already. Annual ewe vaccinations will be more complete this season with the addition of GlanEry 7 in 1 B12. The New Gold Standard Sheep Vaccine will protect your valuable livestock assets and maximise on farm profits. Zoetis Australia is proud to announce introduction of this new innovative sheep vaccine. This product is a new formulation that combines the market leading proven protection of Glanvac® 6 B12 and Eryvac® into one convenient vaccine.

We have good supplies of vaccines available in our stores.

**Livestock nutrition** supplements should be provided to compensate any remaining dry feed which is now of little nutritional value. Nutrient supplementation with dry feed blocks and loose licks will assist livestock in maintaining an adequate bodyweight over the autumn period and provide a balanced intake to assist mothering capacity over the lambing season.

We have a range of supplement options available for all livestock species, call our store teams for further advice.

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