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Autumn reports on international agricultural research

Studying topics as diverse as climate change policy and possible uses for seaweed in aquaculture, Australian Nuffield Scholars will present the findings of their international research at the annual Nuffield Autumn Tour this month.

Nuffield Farming Scholarships are prestigious study awards that provide leading primary producers with an opportunity to increase practical production and management skills by studying farming practices overseas across a range of agricultural sectors.

The 2010 Nuffield Autumn Tour in Darwin, Katherine and Kununurra, from April 21 to 25, allows scholars to showcase their research and to visit some of the diverse agricultural enterprises in Australia's north. Farm visits will include pearl, crocodile, beef and buffalo operations, chai and sandalwood farms and the Ord Irrigation Scheme.

CEO of Northern Territory Seafood Industry Council Katherine Sarneckis will discuss the consumer response to Northern Territory laws which require all imported seafood to be clearly identified at point of sale, from fish mongers, to fish and chip shops. Executive director of the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association, Luke Bowen, and Director of the Northern Territory's Department of Resources farming systems in the plant industry division, Bruce Sawyer, will also make presentations during the tour.

The seven Scholars who will report on their research include:

- Finley mixed farmer Jennie Hawkins who studied carbon accounting and climate change policy (sponsor Sidney Myer Fund for natural resource management);
- Tasmanian orchardist Thomas Frankcomb, on new hops varieties and opportunities in boutique brewing markets (sponsor Impact Fertiliser);
- NSW sheep producer Julie Brien, who researched genetic traits and management strategies to help rebuild the national sheep flock (sponsor Meat & Livestock Australia);
- Yarrawonga grain grower Evan Ryan, on the role of micronutrients in improving grain and cereal yields (sponsor Grain Growers Association);
- Southern Gippsland dairy farmer Paul Mumford, providing a comparative analysis of different dairy farming systems (sponsor Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation);
- Fish hatchery manager Adam Butterworth, from Port Lincoln, on the potential of seaweed in mollusc production (sponsor Fisheries Research and Development Corporation); and
- Tasmanian mixed farmer Rob Bradley, who researched improved productivity in integrated crop and livestock systems (sponsor Rabobank).

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