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NEW NUFFIELD SCHOLAR SAYS A HEALTHY FARMING ENVIRONMENT MEANS HAPPY NEIGHBOURS

Scott Samwell, from Mount Barker in South Australia, will tonight be awarded a prestigious Nuffield Scholarship supported by Horticulture Australia Ltd. from the Vegetable Levy and matched funds from the Federal Government.

Scott will study soil and plant interaction by researching the concept of 'fusion farming'. He says "I would like to look at intensive and viable agriculture systems that use either biological, organic or biodynamic principles to see if these methods produce better plants and hence a food that has greater nutrient density than food grown using conventional methods."

Scott would like to look at the level of inputs required in the different systems and examine the benefits, if any, in reductions of inputs.

With urbanisation an issue in his district, Scott also says "I believe a horticultural system that promotes healthy soils and a healthy environment should hopefully promote a positive rural lifestyle that allows housing and horticulture to harmoniously co-exist."

Scott is managing director of the family business which comprises around 340 ha spread over four properties in the Adelaide Hills, growing mainly brussels sprouts but also producing cabbage, summer caulis, hay, chaff and beef cattle.

Nuffield Australia is an organisation which provides an opportunity to Australian farmers to travel overseas on an agricultural research scholarship. It is a 16-week program which consists of both group and individual travel. The next group will be travelling through New Zealand, North America, Brazil, Mexico and France in February-March 2011.

Scott is available for interviews to talk about his planned study.

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A high-resolution photo of Scott is available for download from nuffield.com.au/gallery.html