

# Farm Plus

(Farm Productivity and Quality Enhancement Project 002655)

## Information for Participants

A Grower participates in the Farm Plus project for 2 consecutive years/ seasons. Each participant is required to contribute \$2,900 (excluding GST) to the project on signing up. In each area a Regional Coordinator is appointed to assist growers with gathering information, and to remind them to perform tasks at the correct time. In most cases the Regional Coordinator will also be a project participant. All information gathered during the project is sent to the Programme Coordinator for analysis and collation into reports. Participants will receive a copy of the Annual Report, and the Final Report at the end of the project. WildFlowers Australia administers payments and communicates with the government funding body, RIRDC.

Farm Plus pays the grower participant, or a contractor of their choice, a set amount for the tasks performed during their 2 year involvement with the project. These amounts are based on an estimated time taken to perform each task.

Table 1: Cost breakdown of Farm Plus payments for on-farm activities.

Activity/ Item	Amount
<b>Year 1</b>	
Prepare soil sample	\$ 70.00
Prepare leaf sample	\$ 70.00
Attend training course	\$ 280.00
Collect baseline crop data	\$ 140.00
Apply Prescription Blend soil amendments	\$ 140.00
Interview by project coordinator	\$ 70.00
<b>Year 2</b>	
Prepare soil sample	\$ 70.00
Prepare leaf sample	\$ 70.00
Apply Follow-up soil amendments	\$ 140.00
Collect crop production data	\$ 105.00
Collect crop quality data	\$ 105.00
Interview by project coordinator	\$ 70.00
<b>Total payment per participant</b>	<b>\$ 1,330.00</b>

WildFlowers Australia has formed a partnership with NutriTech Solutions (NTS) who will provide horticultural recommendations based on soil and leaf analyses, and prepare prescription blends for soil amendments on each farm. Each grower will allocate approximately 1ha to receive soil amendments, and nominate one core product within this area. The performance of this product will be monitored for two harvest seasons to assess the effect of soil amendments on crop productivity and quality. At the start of the project each

participant will provide baseline data for the nominated product, and discuss general product and farm performance in interviews with the Project and Regional Coordinators. This information will be included in reports in the broad sense, yet treated as confidential in the specific sense, i.e. grower details will not be linked to specific product information.

In addition to payment for tasks performed, each grower receives approximately \$2,500 of real contribution to their farm in the form of soil and leaf analyses, prescription blend soil amendments, and training in sustainable agriculture.

**WildFlowers Australia recognises the valuable financial contribution of Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) in supporting the Farm Plus project.**

**For further information:**

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