

NLP2 Future farmers student connect program update

WA College of Agriculture Denmark visit

As part of the future farmers student connect program SCF R&D Coordinator Nathan Dovey and member Jarrad Beech travelled out to the Western Australian College of Agriculture Denmark. The weather was a bit cold and damp but that didn't dampen the spirits. Year 11 Students were keen to learn more about grazing oaten hay. The school has an oaten hay crop and likes to graze all crops to receive some extra benefit.

After some introductions and a rundown of Jarrad's operation everyone piled onto the bus for a quick tour of the school paddocks sown to oaten hay. The first paddock visited was an immature stand of oaten hay where students learned the twist and pull method to help determine the time of grazing. Other topics touched on included the intensity of grazing and the benefits of grazing. Jarrad has most experience with the hard and fast method of grazing oaten hay while still producing a successful hay crop.

Stuart also took the opportunity to show other paddocks the school was intending to graze. These included a couple where the crop was a bit more mature. With many interesting questions, a great morning of learning was had by all.



DENMARK STUDENTS INSPECTING THE SCHOOL HAY CROP



NATHAN DOVEY AND JARRAD BEECH WITH DENMARK STUDENTS



ALLISON WATSON PRESENTING TO GSG STUDENTS

Great Southern Grammar visit

On Monday June 24 SCF membership officer, Sammy Lubcke and AI Technician Allison Watson headed to Great Southern Grammar where Allison presented a great talk on artificial insemination in cattle. Allison discussed with the Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students the methods of AI and the advantages of utilising AI over traditional breeding methods. Nutrition related to breeding cattle, including the ideal condition score for conception rates and calving was also discussed. The school has their own small herd of Dexter and Angus cattle and are utilising AI techniques to improve the quality of their genetics.