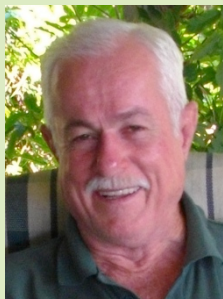


Understanding Agronomy

Essential lessons for successfully managing your soils

A rare opportunity to benefit from the combined knowledge of two of Australia's leading experts in biological agriculture and soil chemistry. A one day workshop / Q&A forum suitable for farmers and graziers ... big and small.



Hugh Lovel and John Priestly

Friday 13th May 2011

9am – 5pm

The Mulloon Institute

Mulloon Creek Natural Farms

Bungendore, NSW

- Learn useful tools to question any agronomist.
- Effectively reduce your input costs.
- Understand the bio-chemical sequence (how plants grow and thrive naturally).
- Bring your questions and share in the process of discovering solutions. Or just bring your curiosity and be prepared to learn some valuable information.
- Casual, down to earth and packed with take home value.
- \$150 p/p (\$250 for 2 people from the same family or organization) Includes fabulous morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Weeds? What are they trying to tell you? Are they acting as mineral indicators?

Soil tests? How reliable are they?

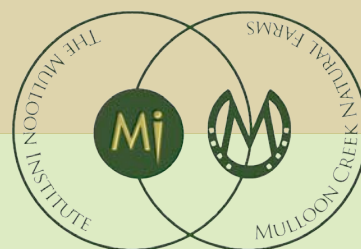
Can I reduce fertilizer bills by building soil?

How do I treat rust, fungus and other baddies?

How can I treat and/or prevent locusts?

What does carbon do for us?

How best to transition to biological and then organic?



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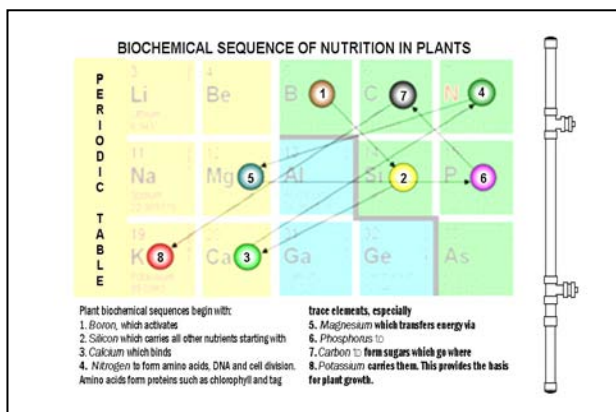
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Going Biological ...

Reducing our dependence on chemicals and converting to a healthier biological method of managing our land is feasible, economical and perhaps even necessary. There are now an abundance of biological approaches on the market that can be taken. Knowing where to start and what to believe is often the difficult step.

Whether you're planning to replace your chemical inputs with purchased biological ones, or to use other natural methods having some understanding of the Bio-Chemical Sequence (how plants grow and thrive naturally) is essential to succeeding.

From the start, high nitrogen inputs must be avoided. When nitrogen is added it should be complexed with humic acids as in humified compost or buffered with raw humates or liquid humate extracts. Sulphur, boron, silicon, calcium, magnesium, phosphorous and potassium must be attended to in that order, if biological nitrogen fixation is to provide an abundant steady supply of nitrogen as freshly digested amino acids rather than nitrogen salts. Soluble, total and leaf testing is recommended for fertiliser prescription blends and nutrient tracking.



“Ideally every crop grown should leave the soil more fertile and alive than it was before. Until this occurs and the farm is self-sustaining in terms of inputs the farm ecology is not yet well enough designed or established”.

A few of the topics you'll cover

- Bio-chemical sequence, how plants grow and thrive naturally.
- Nitrogen fixation (nitrogen is free).
- Weeds and what they'll tell you.
- Rust, fungus and other baddies.
- New way to interpret your soil tests
- Transition to organic growing.
- Build self-sustaining soils.

Hugh Lovel and John Priestly have for some time been conducting joint consultations to farmers all over Australia. With Hugh's brilliant understanding of bio-chemistry and John's practical experience on the land, they offer a down to earth but very thorough explanation of any and all problems you would like to pose.

Hugh is also the author of “A Biodynamic Farm” and is regularly published in Acres USA and Acres Australia.