



Press Release

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MSF Farmers Are Award Winners

South Australian members of Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc (MSF) are joint winners of the 2009 Ag Excellence Alliance Grower Group Award.

The announcement was made at the recent Ag Ex Alliance dinner held in Adelaide and accepted by Dr. Nicole Dimos on behalf of the Mallee Sustainable Farming South Australian State Reference Committee. Dr. Dimos is the Secretary of the Committee and MSF Extension Coordinator.

This award is given to an agricultural group that has made a significant contribution to the improvement of natural resource management. Additional criteria include collaboration with other groups and participating in Ag Ex Alliance activities.

Dr. Dimos said, "We have participated in a number of activities including the regional natural resource management plan where we worked together with other farming organisations such as SANTFA (South Australian No Till Farming Association), SPAA (Southern Precision Agriculture Association), the Agricultural Bureaus and government agencies."

"It's fantastic for MSF to be recognised amongst peers for our contribution to sustainable farming practices", Dr. Dimos said.

"Our Committee has been in existence for ten years and we believe we've encouraged changes that have not only increased the profitability of our farmers but have also been significant in protecting the environment."

Mr. Jim Maynard, Chairman of MSF, said, "This award is great news because it recognises the hard work of our South Australian members and the committee"

"They are a great example of how MSF's tri-state network can achieve both for the state and the region."

This award is also an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Rural Solutions staff who work on behalf of MSF.

"I would like to acknowledge Chris McDonough and Richard Saunders from Loxton and Tanja Morgan and her team from Murray Bridge," Mr. Maynard said.

"These people are great advocates for MSF and for their South Australian farmers", he said.

The accompanying prize money will go toward this year's celebration of the 10th Waikerie Field Day in September.

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