

## FREE SEMINARS

### **How the new national workplace relations system will affect agricultural producers**

The National Farmers' Federation, with support from the Australian Government, has held free seminars across regional Australia from September 2009 to help agricultural producers understand how new workplace relations laws will affect agricultural employers.

The new national workplace relations system commenced, in part, on 1 July 2009, with the remainder effective from 1 January 2010.

There are significant changes that will affect all agricultural producers who employ staff.

The information seminars cover the following aspects of the new laws:

- The new National Employment Standard that applies to all employees;
- Unfair dismissal laws, including how small businesses must comply;
- New arrangements for enterprise bargaining;
- Application of modern awards in the agriculture industry;
- Understanding the new structures of Fair Work Australia and the Fair Work Ombudsman; and
- Impacts of industrial relations referral of powers by State Governments.

The seminars are presented by experienced agricultural workplace relations advisors and provide an opportunity to consider the workplace relations changes in an industry specific setting.

The following upcoming seminars are scheduled for the Northern Territory:

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	11am start	Berrimah Research Farm	Stuart Highway, Darwin
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	11am start	Katherine Research Station	Stuart Highway South

Please note that a meal will be provided at the seminars.

Please register by calling the National Farmers Federation on (02) 6273 3855.

For more information, go to [www.nff.org.au](http://www.nff.org.au). If producers cannot attend a seminar, the *Fair Work Information Booklet for Agricultural Producers* is available from the website or by ringing the NFF.