

Come and see us at Dowerin

4Farmers will again be at the Dowerin field day this year, still in the 4Farmers Ram Shed, where you can call in and put a face to the familiar names and voices, have a cuppa and a sit down and give us your feedback on our products and service.

Dr Terry Piper will be in attendance and you can take advantage of the local knowledge

of this well known researcher and agronomist to discuss problems and options.

A special guest will be David Burton, an expert on business and commodity cycles as well as hedging and risk management, who will be on hand to discuss these issues with visitors to the 4Farmers stand.



Terry Piper, Product Support, and Phil Patterson, Chairman, discussing the season and options at last year's Dowerin field day. The 2005 field day promises to be bigger and better.

Controlling next year's weeds

SEPTEMBER is about the right time for most of the state to think about chemical pasture topping, primarily to reduce the seed set as a means of assisting weed control next year, but it is also used to convert excess pasture growth into standing hay.

If stock feed is plentiful and pasture topping is primarily being considered as a means of reducing the weed burden in next year's crop, the job is relatively straight forward, with the stage of growth being the major consideration.

Glyphosate is generally the best option for total control as it kills the

plant without a problem with regrowth, but as it takes a while to act, it cannot be left too long in the season or the plant may use its survival technique and set some seed.

Paraquat is slightly more expensive, but it is fast acting and will stop seed development almost immediately. However, as the plant is not totally killed, some regrowth is possible, but it is the best option if clover is present.

Best results require the plants to produce their seed heads in unison, generally obtained by heavy grazing prior to a regrowth stage.

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Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid altogether.

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