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IPM workshop at Griffith in March

A one-off training workshop on integrated pest management of soybeans and summer and winter pulse crops will be held in Griffith on 18 March, designed for agronomists and leading growers.



Presenters will include Kingaroy-based Hugh Brier, senior entomologist with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, who has extensive experience using integrated pest management approaches in summer cropping systems.

Entomologists Sandra McDougall and Jo Holloway from the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries will also provide

WORKSHOP: Integrated pest management will be the focus of a one-off training workshop in Griffith in March.

PHOTO: Felicity Pritchard

support for the hands-on identification of pests and beneficial insects. Luke Gaynor and Kieran O’Keeffe of the DPI and Pulse Australia’s Trevor Bray will also provide practical information on managing insect pests in soybeans and pulses.

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BEATING THE BUGS: A one-off training workshop in Griffith will focus on the integrated management of soybean and pulse pests.
PHOTO: Courtesy QDPI&F.

The afternoon will include a bus trip to Coleambally to monitor soybean crops.

The workshop is funded through the National Invertebrate Pest Initiative of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the oilseeds industry development officer project of the GRDC and Australian Oilseeds Federation, and Pulse Australia.

The workshop costs \$75, which include a large-sized “beat sheet” for crop monitoring, morning and afternoon tea and lunch and a comprehensive manual. Numbers are strictly limited. To express interest, please contact Felicity Pritchard on 427 600 228 or Trevor Bray on 0428 606 886.

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