

**SOUTH QUEENSLAND AVOCADO STUDY GROUP MEETING**  
Sunnyspot Packhouse, corner of Blank Road and Post Office Road, Ravensbourne  
**Wednesday 9 December 2015**

**PROGRAM**

- 10:00am **MORNING TEA**
- 10:30am Welcome & introductions – Simon Newett, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland
- 10:35am Industry update – Daryl Boardman, Avocados Australia Ltd Director and local grower
- 10:45am Avocado nutrition – Lisa Martin, Ripe Horticulture
- 11:15am The Small Tree High Productivity initiative – Peter Rigden, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland
- 11:30am A new perspective on insects that are pollinating avocados - recent results from studies in Victoria and South Australia – Brad Howlett, NZ Plant & Food
- 12:05pm Dealing with storm and hail damage – discussion led by Simon Newett
- 12:20pm Brief overview of industry information resources: Problem Solver, Phytophthora poster, Best Practice Resource including online demo – Peter Rigden
- 12:35pm Overview of ICA30 (hard green protocol) – Bruce Birtwell, Senior Biosecurity Officer and auditor, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, Toowoomba
- 12:50pm Set the topic, venue and date for next meeting
- 1:00pm **LUNCH**
- 1:45pm Avocado production in Peru and Chile – Simon Newett
- 2:30 pm Complete evaluation forms. Acknowledgements
- 2:40pm **ORCHARD WALK – includes discussion of PGR trials**
- 3:40pm **Christmas drinks and nibbles sponsored by Sunnyspot Packhouse, Cool Haul and The Avolution**

Please **RSVP to Simon Newett** at [simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au) with numbers for catering by **Monday 7 December** or leave message on **07 5453 5926**.

We look forward to seeing you there.