

Healthy Soils for Dryland Cropping Regions of Northwestern and Southwestern Victoria

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We need healthy soils! - Healthy soils perform a range of services including water filtration, habitat provision and profitable and sustainable agriculture. The Healthy soils project in the grain growing regions of Victoria helps farmers manage their soil for productivity and for environmental protection. The project will improve farmer's capacity to manage soil health issues by providing soil management strategies and techniques. The objectives of the project are to; i/ improve access to soil information ii/ provide soil health assessment tools iii/ enhance soil health extension programs iv/ coordinate a Victorian program for soil health. The focus areas for the project are the dryland cropping regions of north western and south western Victoria. The project is being led by a team from the Victorian Dept of Primary Industries, together with collaborators including: Mallee Sustainable Farming (MSF) Birchip Cropping Group (BCG) Southern Farming Systems (SFS) Nutrient Management Systems (NMS). Funding is provided by: - Victorian Governments 'Our Environment, Our Future - Sustainability Action Statement' - Land & Water Australia - 'Healthy Soils For Sustainable Farms' program - Agriculture Development Division, Dept of Primary Industries.