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Using soil moisture probes for seasonal preparedness

What happening?

Soil moisture probes provide valuable information that may assist farmers to make timely seasonal decisions, such as when to sow or apply fertilisers. Interest in this information is growing in response to climate variability.

This Producer Demonstration site (PDS) encourages use of the soil moisture probe network in Gippsland. Over three years, we aim to improve knowledge of soil moisture probe network and increase use of the data from the network to inform decision making in grazing enterprises.

The demonstration brings together the information from 17 soil moisture probes across the central and east Gippsland.

The demonstration will deliver:

- Monthly updates from the 17 soil moisture probes across the region in local media including soil moisture and temperature and points to consider for your pasture.
- Three sites across the region demonstrating benefits of utilising soil probe data in decision making.
- A series of paddock walks at the demonstration sites and workshops to discuss/develop trigger points to assist with timely, seasonal decisions.

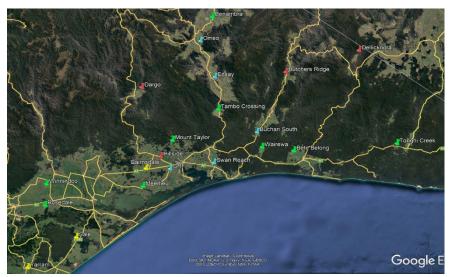


Figure 1: Gippsland soil moisture probes

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