

Australia's National Beef Exposition

7 May to 12 May 2012



James Lawrence Pavilion Bos Indicus Room

Tuesday 8 May 2012
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm

Improving productivity of sown grass pastures

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Productivity decline in sown grass pastures is widespread in northern Australia and reduces production by approximately 50%. The economic impact of the decline to the beef industry is estimated at over \$17B at the farm gate over the next 30 years. Graziers, the seed industry, and researchers are all concerned that this 'rundown' is continuing. There are significant opportunities to improve productivity and returns from rundown sown pastures.

Speakers include *Gavin Peck and Stuart Buck, DEEDI.*

Topics to be discussed include:

- Pasture rundown - causes, symptoms and impacts
- Economics of management options to improve productivity of rundown pastures
- Legume options for sown pastures
- Varieties
- Reliable establishment
- Management
- Case studies