

## **'I heard it on the grapevine'**

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### **Healthy soils for sustainable vegetable farms**

In partnership with Ausveg, the Australian vegetable industry peak body, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) will be conducting a healthy soils workshop for vegetable farms on Wednesday 16 May at NSW DPI, Dareton.

The workshop will introduce growers to the 'Ute Guide', a publication that focuses on healthy soils for sustainable vegetable production and provides advice for making on-farm soil management decisions.

"It is essential for growers to understand and analyse soil health for a sustainable growing environment," NSW DPI District Horticulturist – Vegetables, Gerard Kelly said.

"This workshop will enable growers to conduct simple soil pit inspections and perform on-site assessments of soil salinity, pH, texture, compaction severity, dispersion and slaking. Participants will also gain an understanding of how to interpret soil chemical analysis results."

Workshop places are limited, growers are advised to contact Gerard Kelly to register or for further information on 0411 139 657.

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