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“BIOLOGICALLY-FARMED COWS LAST TWICE AS LONG”

‘FATHER OF BIOLOGICAL FARMING’ IN BUNDABERG THIS THURSDAY 19 JULY AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR BIOLOGICAL ROADSHOW

The charismatic and knowledgeable US farmer, soil health expert and author Gary Zimmer will be in Bundaberg this Thursday 19 July to present at the Biological Farmers of Australia’s (BFA) annual roadshow on how to farm more productively and profitably.

Starting 25 years ago as a farmer and dairy nutritionist, Gary discovered his passion for healthy soils and more natural ways to produce healthy crops and today, is known as the ‘father of biological farming’, has authored two books and travels the world sharing his knowledge on biological farming systems.

“In my 25 or so years as a farmer and consulting to other farmers, I’ve seen that livestock that live on much higher levels of a natural diet can last up to twice as long,” said Gary.

“Now I’m not saying it’s easy to transition to a biological farming system but you’re rewarded really well. You can get healthier, disease-free crops and there are a lot fewer dollars going off the farm.

“There’s a common assumption in farming that if you produce more, you’ll make more. This is not always the case and raising stock such as cattle on a more natural system can also be more profitable,” he said.

Gary will present at the BFA Roadshow at Bundaberg Civic Centre from 9am-4pm this Thursday 19 July, alongside researcher and ecologist Leilani Zimmer-Durand. The event includes a tradeshow with displays from sponsors Dr Grow It All, Greenbelt Organic Fertiliser, Organic Farming Systems and more.

“Attendees can learn about the latest biological inputs available which can be excellent tools particularly for growers in the first phase of converting to a more natural system, said Holly Vyner, BFA’s General Manager.

“Organic-approved farm input supplier Dr Grow It All which donated large amounts of product to the region during the floods is supporting the event by hosting an industry dinner the night prior and has also drummed up support as far and wide as a cane farmer delegation from Thailand,” she said.

Limited tickets still available to the BFA Roadshow. Visit www.bfa.com.au or call 1300 331 309.

***** COMPLIMENTARY MEDIA PASSES AVAILABLE TO ONE-DAY BIOLOGICAL FARMING ROADSHOW. CONTACT MELODY NALATU TO ARRANGE PASS – MOBILE 0408 928 229 *****

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