

Partnership between Sprent Primary School and Farmers Marketing Network Pty Ltd

General

Farmers Marketing Network Pty Ltd manufacture a range of biological products for over 1 000 clients in Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

The company is committed to maximize their effective use in low- input sustainable agriculture by conducting on –going trials on a range of crops and in a range of locations.

The company shares a general concern that there is a lack of awareness of the reality of food production and a serious shortage of qualified personnel in the agricultural industries.

The company considers that partnerships with schools in conducting these trials is one way of addressing this concern.

Specific

The company will lease the 25 square metre commercial trial area at Sprent Primary School for a sum of \$250/year for the period 2012 - 2016. This will enable a standard Best Practice four year crop trial rotation, the fifth being a repeat of the first.

The money will be paid to the Parents and Friends or the School Association as appropriate.

The company will provide the product to be tested.

The company will also provide the services of Dr Mike Walker, the company plant physiology consultant, to design and supervise the trial in conjunction with the nominated teacher. The aim is to enhance the curriculum with real life experiences for the students.

The company will publish the best student 200 word report on its website, with due acknowledgment.

The partnership will be reviewed annually regarding its effectiveness in addressing the concern noted above, with a decision as to whether to continue made after the fifth trial.

Signed:

Farmers Marketing Network Pty Ltd

Sprent Primary School

Date: