

Let's talk about cordon bunch removal

Dried grape growers will need to decide how to deal with cordon bunches in the next month. Removing them is critical to efficient mechanical harvesting of dried fruit on swing-arm trellis.

Growers have two options – remove the bunches early in the season, or harvest them by hand during the time between cutting vines to dry fruit and the final harvest. Chemical removal minimises the summer pruning operation as there is no need to pay for bunches to be hand-removed and placed on the trellis during harvest.

DFA is bringing industry experts Ashley Johnstone, Rodney Trigg and Ivan Shaw together to discuss removal techniques at a field day on Friday 15 September.

The event will be held from 5pm at the Lloyd's property – 838 Benetook Avenue, Irymple. It will finish with a barbecue. Contact DFA to register on 03 5023 5174 or admin@driedfruitsaustralia.org.au.

A follow-up event will be held in a few weeks to demonstrate spray application techniques and machinery for chemical removal of cordon bunches.

DFA Board nominations close tomorrow

Nominations to join the DFA Board must be in by 5pm tomorrow.

Nomination forms are available from the DFA office and must be signed by two financial producer members and the candidate.

Four producer members will be elected at the DFA Annual General Meeting. Visit the [DFA website](#) for details about the AGM and Annual Growers' Forum.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 3 October

DFA Annual Conference

1pm – AGM

2pm – Growers' Forum

Mildura Grand Hotel

www.driedfruitsaustralia.org.au/annual-conference-2017

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