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Australia – Greenhouse Gas Accounting in Agriculture

The Project

EAS was engaged by Wimmera Landcare Network Project Platypus to assist rural landholders in Western Victoria to assess on farm agricultural greenhouse gas emissions. The aim of the project was to increase the capacity of farmers to understand and act on reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the farm level in the upper Wimmera catchment. The target group were sheep, wheat and beef farmers and included any on-farm revegetation.

The project was considered a valuable way in which to respond to limited information sources for landholders and offer a chance to interact in a familiar and trusted group and ask questions. The project also recognised that agriculture is a high risk sector, exposed to climate change and climate change mitigation policy.

Partners

Australian Federal Government - National Landcare Programme, Caring for Our Country

Project Platypus - Upper Wimmera Landcare Network

EAS - International specialists in carbon accounting and verification in Agriculture and Forestry

Landholders - 14 Sheep, Beef and Cropping enterprises ranging from 30 hectares to 3600 hectares



Our Role

EAS were consulted to Project Platypus to undertake the following activities:

- Increase understanding of greenhouse gas emissions and sequestration within the Upper Wimmera farming community through a series of workshops.
- Build staff capacity in agriculture greenhouse gas accounting within the Project Platypus staff.
- Assist landholders to undertake a farm based greenhouse gas emission audit consistent with Australia's greenhouse gas inventory methods.
- Develop farm specific accounts and provide a report targeted at the landowner.
- Assist landholders in developing a monitoring systems to collect greenhouse gas data into the future.
- Develop action plans to assist farmers in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Collect baseline greenhouse gas emission data for individual sheep and grain farms that may be applied across a broader audience / area.



Outcomes:

EAS recognised early that the team needed to be adaptive and flexible, catering to the needs of the participants to ensure the objective of the project would be met. Working closely with Project Platypus we were able to engage, involve, collaborate and empower 14 landholders in the Upper Wimmera catchment through this project.

“Going from uninformed ignorance to informed, partly educated intelligence. Great to see facilitators that do not patronise the farmers. They were understanding, non-biased and open to discussion”.

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