

Site Specifications: – John & Diana Pickford

Owners' name: John & Diana Pickford

Property size: 1204 ha

Annual rainfall: 440 mm / yr

Main enterprise: Sheep, wool & meat.

Soil Types (general sum up): Loam over clay.

Area of property cleared and approx when: 95% cleared between 1930's and 1970's.

What made you choose this site?: Site is salt affected and servery water logged and didn't respond to planting of puccinelia.

Why did you decide on this method for solving the problem?: After hearing Michael Lloyd speak at a Blackwood Seminar, I decided this was an appropriate approach at tackling the problem.

Are you seeing improvements (results - financial, aesthetics etc)?: The Salt Bush, Balansa & Tall Wheat Grass is less than a year old but we have seen a pleasing coverage of this site with these plants and expect the site to be productive in the future. Autumn 2002 it was grazed heavily for one month with 500 wether hoggets allowing us to defer grazing of other paddocks.

Main challenge you are facing: Our main challenge for the future is to have the time, finance and access to expertise to plan, fence, sow and manage these sites.

John & Diana Pickford

June 2002

Additional Site info for John Pickford

Name: John Pickford / Saltland Zone 1

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Farm Size: 1200 ha

Rainfall: 440mm /yr

Main Enterprise: Sheep

Area of Saltland: Zone 1 = 9 ha

Soil type: Zone 1, Loam

Saltland Species: Zone 1, Wavy Leaf, Old Man, Quail Brush, Creeping, River: Saltbush. Balansa, Tall Wheat Grass, Mixture of Acacias & Eucalyptus.

Problems with Pasture: Poor germination because of dry Spring/Summer period

Problems with Sheep: None

Comments: The significance of the Saltland pasture to our farm enterprise is that it enables us to defer grazing, Give green herbage grazing in summer and provide weather protection for stock in foul weather.

Observations: Noticeable increase in Ants, Birdlife and more Kangaroos.