

Graeme Sait Course in Bio Ag

In the last week of April Graeme Sait , the CEO of Nutri Tech Solutions Australia, delivered a four day course in Biological Agriculture in Havelock North. Abron Soil Solutions organised the course and are North Island agents for NTS. Most of us will be aware of the work that Dr Elaine Ingham and Dr Arden Anderson have done and those that have been to these lectures will know the power and knowledge that has come from these speakers. Graeme is coming from the same direction. His lecture is very information intensive.

There was reference to the NTS product line but the course was by no means sales focused. Graeme came across as being very genuine and in a number of instances gave examples of how expensive products could be replaced with home made versions.

Interspersed within the course are lectures on human health. To the uninitiated there could be a question of what has that got to do with me growing avocados. But as with Arden Anderson, you are quite quickly left in no doubt that bio ag is about the whole picture and that food production is the foundation of health.

Abron are hoping to bring Graeme back for another course in November and again in March next year. The course is not cheap, but is certainly a solid investment in the orchard input that has the most influence on the outcome, your knowledge.

During the course Graeme was interviewed by Hawkes Bay TV for their chatroom programme. The first question that was asked was what is biological agriculture. His answer was this

" Biological agriculture is distinct from organic in that organic is a manual about what you can't and shouldn't do and are not allowed to do, this is all about the things you should be doing. All about the production of nutrient dense food with all the forgotten flavours and extended shelf life. This is a win win for the farmers as it turns out that the sustainable approach is also a profitable approach. This is what has driven this to the scale that we can hardly keep up with the demand around the world."

The full half hour interview can be seen on this link;
Part One

http://www.3gtvonline.com/main.php?q2_itemId=11095

Part Two

http://www.3gtvonline.com/main.php?q2_itemId=11098

Part Three

http://www.3gtvonline.com/main.php?g2_itemId=11101

Do not be dissuaded by Graeme's comment on organics, there are many of us that see organics as a leader in sustainable horticulture, this is why we do it.