



Dean Hurford, Dominic Pinzone and Laurie Meyer are excited about high sugar grasses and the potential to increase productivity in farming.

Farmers discuss intricacies of greener pastures

A CULTIVATION and pasture growing field day attracted a crowd in Boyanup last week with farmers learning about the benefits of high sugar grasses and ways to increase productivity.

Grass was the hot topic which was discussed in the lush fields of Victor Rodwell's Boyanup property.

High sugar grasses were praised as leading the way in high-performance forage technology.

"It helps you achieve those maximum results — you can raise the potential in the paddock by 36 per cent," Victorian farmer Laurie Meyer said to the crowd.

"This grass is measured on animal

performance — more protein for every mouthful of grass."

The new breed of grass has now become available in Australia, potentially increasing milk production by 6 per cent, increasing beef and lamb weight gains by 20 per cent and improving diet digestibility by 3 per cent.

"The results speak for themselves," Mr Meyer said.

Mr Rodwell's fields are sprouting the benefits of high sugar grasses.

"So far it's ticked all the boxes — it has the persistence and ability to get through the wet winters," Mr Rodwell said.