

**Position:**

Senior Consultant - Agronomy

Qualifications:

B App Sci (Hort)

Professional Associations:Australian Institute of Agricultural
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INTRODUCTION

Jason Lynch is a senior consultant at Macquarie Franklin, with 20 years experience in production agronomy, various aspects of grazing management and property development. Jason works with clients to improve the profitability and sustainability of a diverse range of agricultural production systems.

Jason has agronomic experience in both pasture based and a range of broad acre and intensive cropping systems, in addition to horticultural enterprises. Jason provides advice to clients on crop protection, integrated pest management practices, soil health management, plant and soil nutrition, and soil moisture and irrigation management. He has well developed communication skills, and has extensive experience in the delivery of presentations and group facilitation for both small and large audiences. Jason's client mix includes small and large scale businesses, and both family farms and corporate enterprises.

Jason is able to provide independent agronomic advice with an in-depth knowledge of farming systems.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 - present: senior consultant - Macquarie Franklin

1998 - 2013: senior agronomist - Serve-Ag Pty Ltd

RECENT PROJECTS

- Property agricultural assessments and council planning scheme compliance report
- Pasture Principles course facilitator and coach, Meander Valley, Feb 2018 – present
- Pasture Principles course facilitator and coach, Cressy/Tamar, Coal Valley, Derwent Valley Evandale, Flinders Island, Northern/Central/Southern Midlands, North West, 2014-2018
- MLA Producer Demonstration Site technical support with Longford Red Meat Group, MLA, 2016 - present
- GRDC Opportunity For Profit, Management Guidelines, Tasmania, GRDC, 2016-2017
- Lifetime Ewe Management Facilitator, RIST, Jan 2015-Dec 2015
- Insect Pasture Pest IPM course delivery, Cradle Coast NRM, May 2014-July 2015

Areas of Expertise

- Project management
- Extension & communications
- Facilitation
- Agronomic advice
- Vegetable production
- Cereal production
- Forage and fodder production
- Floriculture
- Berry fruit production
- Crop protection
- Soil fertility
- Plant nutrition
- Soil, plant and water analytical testing
- Biofumigation
- Gross margin analysis
- Agricultural research
- Land capability assessment
- Farm drainage

Macquarie Franklin Expertise

- Agronomic advice
- Land capability assessment
- Sustainable soil management
- Soil and plant nutrition
- Red meats and dairy feed base management
- Agricultural research Extension and communication
- Irrigation
- Extension

- F300 – Boosting livestock production efficiency and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, North West Tasmanian Beef Producers Group Coach, Meat and Livestock Australia, Nov 2014 - March 2015
- Managing Your Finances course delivery, Dairy Tas June – July 2015
- Dairy Australia Taking Stock, 2016-2017
- Waterhouse producer demonstration site coordinator (trial maximising phosphorus fertiliser efficiency), Meat & Livestock Australia, Nov 2013 – June 2016
- Regular delivery of presentations to various NRM, grower and agricultural industry groups throughout Tasmania on a diverse range of topics, 2006-present
- Farm water access plans, land capability assessments, Tasmanian Irrigation Midlands Irrigation Scheme, South Esk Irrigation Scheme, Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme, Sorell Irrigation Scheme, Sept 2013 – present
- Sustainable Agriculture Program involving soil testing and the delivery of property nutrient budgets and fertiliser recommendations, Cradle Coast NRM, Jan 2013-May 2013
- Property management planning services and land capability assessments, Agricultural Resource Management, 2007-2010
- Irrigation scheduling and soil moisture monitoring project leader, DairyTas, 2006
- Soil health management, including agronomic advice and research and development relating to erosion management, green manure and biofumigation crops
- Provision of comprehensive agronomic advice covering a wide range of horticultural crops including potatoes (fresh, processing and seed production), brassicas, alliums, legumes, cereals, carrots, floriculture, berry fruit, poppies and amenity turf

BOARDS AND STEERING COMMITTEES

- More milk from forages steering committee group member, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, Sept 2013 – June 2014
- Dairy Futures CRC steering committee for forage technologies adoption, Dairy Australia, Sept 2013 – June 2016
- Dairy Australia Forage Improvement Community of Interest group , member, Dec 2015 - present
- DairyTas Participatory Action Research Group member, Jan 2016 - present