



[SOCo levy increase](#)

The SOCo levy for selected lines of Sydney Rock Oyster and Native Angasi spat will increase from \$0.002 to \$0.003 per spat on 1st September 2016. It will be fixed across all spat sizes, issued by your hatchery at point of sale. The increase is necessary for the funding required to further develop and deliver a state-of-the-art industry owned program, including the care of an increasing supply of broodstock and projects to help hatcheries improve production. Please use the rebate available, up to \$2000 per grower to assist.

[Hatchery runs](#)

Southern Cross Shellfish 0488 224 927 & 0418 134 638, Camden Haven Oyster Supply 0427 334 649 are currently taking orders for selected lines of spat for the 2016-2017 production season. Call the hatchery to place an order. Contact SOCo for more details.

[On the road](#)

Our Ops Mng Emma is traveling from Nambucca to Merimbula from August 1st to 10th. Call her for a catch up!

[\\$2000 spat rebates](#)

Selected lines of Sydney Rock Oysters and Native Angasi Oyster are eligible for up to \$2000 per grower. Quotas are reset each new financial year for return applicants. Claims must be made within 6 months of purchasing spat. Funded by NSW Government. Application forms at www.selectoysterco.com.au

[6 question survey](#) Our anonymous online survey to benchmark industry spat demand.

[\\$3 mil industry grant](#)

The Australian Oyster industry has received funding from a CRC-P grant, which will see R&D go into three main programs: Developing Better Oysters (breeding programs), Healthier Oysters (disease research) and More Oysters (hatchery support and diversification). The program will last for three years, benefitting from collaborative effort from several industry and research bodies.

[The perfect shaped SRO](#)

Motion in trays, floating baskets and cylinders was measured to test the how movement influences shape, shell aesthetics and meat weight of SOCo Sydney Rock Oyster spat. Overall, oysters that were finished in cylinders had better shape, less imperfections and greatest meat weight. But, these oysters were also the smallest in terms of shell dimensions. Environmental factors also had a significant influence. This project helps farmers use their dynamic lease environments to target better shape or size for instance, in selected lines. A project by SOCo, University of Newcastle and Avondale College of Higher Education. Funded by Dept. Agriculture & FRDC. Thanks to Bruce Alford, Endeavour Oysters and XL Oysters.



SOCo Board meetings are held monthly

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