

Free day for growers — practical solutions for managing your water

Cotton growers wanting to make the most of their water can't afford to miss a free day on practical solutions for managing water, during the Cotton Conference on August 14, thanks to Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF) and Cotton Australia (CA).

Titled, *Growing Cotton's Future: Practical Solutions for Managing Your Wa-*

ter, the free day for growers and their staff will provide key research and practical water use efficiency advice, focused on how to improve production with limited water.

"This free day offers growers relevant, practical advice from other growers and leading researchers and the chance to interact with experts in the field of drought management and water use efficiency,"

says Cotton Australia CEO, Adam Kay. "Growers wanting to make their water go further should not miss this valuable knowledge day," he said.

Topics include business management during drought, developing more efficient irrigation systems, cotton varieties that handle heat and effects of climate change.

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TOPICS

- Managing through drought.
- Farming with limited water in dryland and irrigation systems.
- Selecting cotton varieties for warmer temperatures.
- Commercial trait development for drought management and water use efficiency.
- Agronomic performance of irrigated cotton during drought.
- Responding to drought — industry growth regions. Expansion in southern NSW and a move north in the Burdekin.
- Biosecurity in a changing climate critical for our future — How do we respond?.
- Growing cotton in a water scarce environment.
- The Australian government: How it can work with cotton for mutual benefits.

- Furrow irrigation systems comparisons and lessons to improve.
- Lateral moves — the golden rules.
- Sub surface drip irrigation.
- Bankless irrigation channels.
- Reducing channel distribution losses.
- Working with regional natural resource management bodies to improve water management.

WORKSHOPS

- Dryland and Limited Water Farming Systems Workshop.
- Hands-On-Research for Limited Water.
- Hands-On-Research — New R&D including soil and irrigation.



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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The Australian Cotton Industry Awards Taskforce and sponsors are pleased to announce this year's 12 finalists. Come along to see the winners announced at the Cotton Conference Dinner on the 14th August on the Gold Coast. And the finalists are.....

Monsanto Grower of the Year

Richard Cathcart, Wee Waa
Chris Henley, Goondiwindi
Andrew Watson, Boggabri

Cotton Industry Young Achiever of the Year

Tracey Farrell, Narrabri
Will Kirkby, Moree
Hamish Millar, Emerald



CSD ACGRA Researcher of the Year

Michael Bange, Narrabri
Mark Hickman, Toowoomba
Rene van der Sluijs, Belmont Vic

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No finalists, winner will be announced on 14th August

AgriRisk Innovative Grower of the Year

Graham Clapham, Cecil Plains
Glenn Fresser and family, Dalby
Andrew Parkes, Moree

