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# the **cq cotton call**

**October 2022**

## **Welcome to the October Edition**

### **What's been happening?**

Welcome to the first edition of the for the 2022/23 season.

It's great to see some well-established cotton starting to come up across CQ. I have been around the Callide and Dawson Valley recently and they have done very well to turn around and have cotton planted and getting a good establishment in a brief period. We have been seeing longer than usual cooler temperatures at this time of the year which is making it more difficult to get the seed in the ground, but overall, it is great to see some growers being able to plant into rain moisture which doesn't happen to often.

There has been some particularly good rainfall in the highlands over this month, which I am sure has been very well received by growers. As of the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, the Fairbairn dam has 38.0% capacity which will make for a better outlook on their cotton season ahead.

The Central Highlands Cotton Growers and Irrigators Association also held their annual awards dinner this month, which I was able to attend. It was an amazing night of celebrations, congratulations to everyone that received awards! Congratulations on some big wins for Cotton Australia and Dawson Valley Cotton Growers.

Read all about it: [Cotton Australia | Advocacy helps with big win for growers in Dawson Valley](#)

We have some events coming up in the coming weeks I would love you to check out:

### **Upcoming Events**

- Nutrition for a Wet Start webinar with Jon Baird and Chris Dowling 11<sup>th</sup> of November @ 8am
- Dawson Valley Cotton Growers AGM is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November
- Central Highlands Cotton Growers and Irrigators AGM is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of November
- GRDC Spray Day 22<sup>nd</sup> of November – Emerald  
<https://grdc.com.au/events/list/2022/11/grdc-spray-days-emerald#msdynttrid=erqHfUzbz0reUg8W-brZ76p9hmciVEJL0wTOWr3YZtM>



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## Information and Topics of Interest

### The Bureau of Meteorology

Grain and Cotton Climate Outlook – Nov – Jan 2022/23

[Trial grain cotton climate outlook Nov Jan 2022 23 .pdf](#)

### Summer Crop Update – Bede O’Mara, Technical Agronomist, Incitec Pivot Fertilisers

An excellent presentation from Bede O’Mara on the long-term trial work they have been doing on N loss. This is related to flooding events, but still may be of interest for some growers and their own farming practices. Bede gave this talk in early October at the CGS Summer crop meeting in St George. [CGS StG Grower Mtg-Aussie Hotel-121022.pdf](#)

### WeedSmart Webinar

In this webinar, Research Agronomist Eric Koetz (NSW DPI) and WeedSmart Northern Extension Agronomist Paul McIntosh discuss key weed control challenges cotton growers are facing.

Paul and Eric provide practical information on how to control weeds and fight herbicide resistance in cotton crops.



#### Topics covered include:

- Herbicide resistance update and how it’s evolved overtime
- Emerging problematic weeds in cotton systems
- Non-glyphosate weed tactics in cotton systems

<https://www.weedsmart.org.au/video/no-survivors-weed-control-in-cotton-what-does-it-look-like-in-2022/>

### Crop Check Reports

CottonInfo has been doing CropCheck for the past few seasons in other regions. The idea has come about wanting to help industry, consultants, and growers more aware (both in the region and outside of the region) of what is happening in crop growth and development, insect pests and beneficials, along with any issues faced in terms of disease, weed, and insect pests. There will also be a summary of all regions on the CottonInfo webpage for future reference. If you did not receive my email, please reach out to ensure you are on the mailing list. If you would like to participate in sending in some information, please get in touch.

## CSD News - Richard Williams Research Initiative

Central Queensland growers and consultants will be the first to reap the benefits of CSD's Richard Williams Commercial Research Initiative. Under the initiative CSD will be funding this project focused on researching long season cotton in Central Queensland. The project will be led by Central Queensland's agronomist, Stewart Brotherton, and will aim to identify opportunities for improving management, yield, fibre quality and resource use efficiencies. You can read more about this project and the Richard Williams Commercial Research Initiative here <http://hubs.li/Q01nww890>

This project kicked off with completing soil tests of each field to get their starting nutrition position, followed by this month doing their first establishment counts and installing moisture probes in these fields. These fields will be monitored and accessed at various stages throughout the crop and recorded into CSD's CottonTracka program to get the best recorded information from the crop from start to finish. We are looking forward to this research project and the results and information it will bring to CQ growers.



Have a listen to Cotton Seed Distributors latest episode of Cotton Yarns talking all things grown-on cotton!

E&D Agronomist, Stew Brotherton catches up with Central Queensland grower, Neek Morawitz to discuss what grown-on cotton is and what it involves. [Cotton Yarns: Grown-On Cotton on Apple Podcasts](#)

## CRDC news

- New communications lead for CottonInfo – Megan Woodward
- World cotton day on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October
- Final chance to apply for the Science and Innovation Awards
- CRDC in the news: Cotton fibre quality targeted in new research
- Applications for 2023-24 investment now open
- Cotton's 2023 Nuffield scholar to explore sustainable land development
- CRDC Annual Report - brings you an update on our progress towards our strategic goals (investments, innovations, and impacts), four years into our Strategic RD&E Plan. [CRDC Annual Report 2021-22 | CRDC](#)

## Cotton Australia News

- Farmers unite in push for chemical reductions in farming
- Enthusiastic response for Australian cotton from Pakistani cotton industry
- Volatility real but a window of opportunity for Australian Cotton
- NT Government promotes benefits of Cotton in the Top End
- Advocacy helps with big win for growers in Dawson Valley
- Geography Teachers learn more about Cotton

To read the full articles, click [here](#).

## Cotton Grower Associations

A reminder to get in touch with your local CGA to keep up to date and involved in various aspects of the industry. Add yourself to the contact lists to see updates on local field days, meetings, and events. Find your local CGA contact here. [Cotton Australia | Cotton Grower Associations](#)

All the best for the coming month with everyone still planting and harvesting winter crops.

Kind Regards

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