



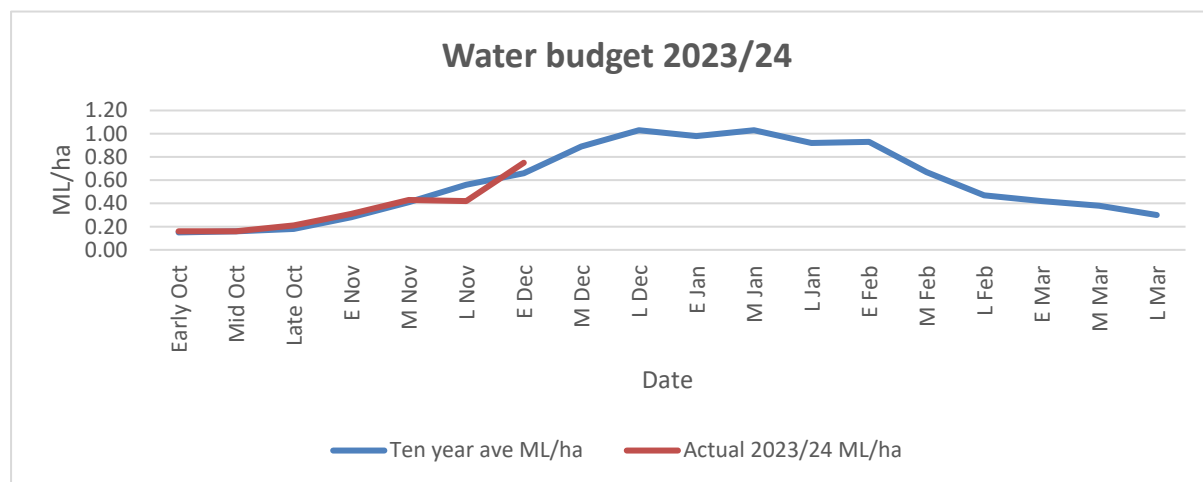
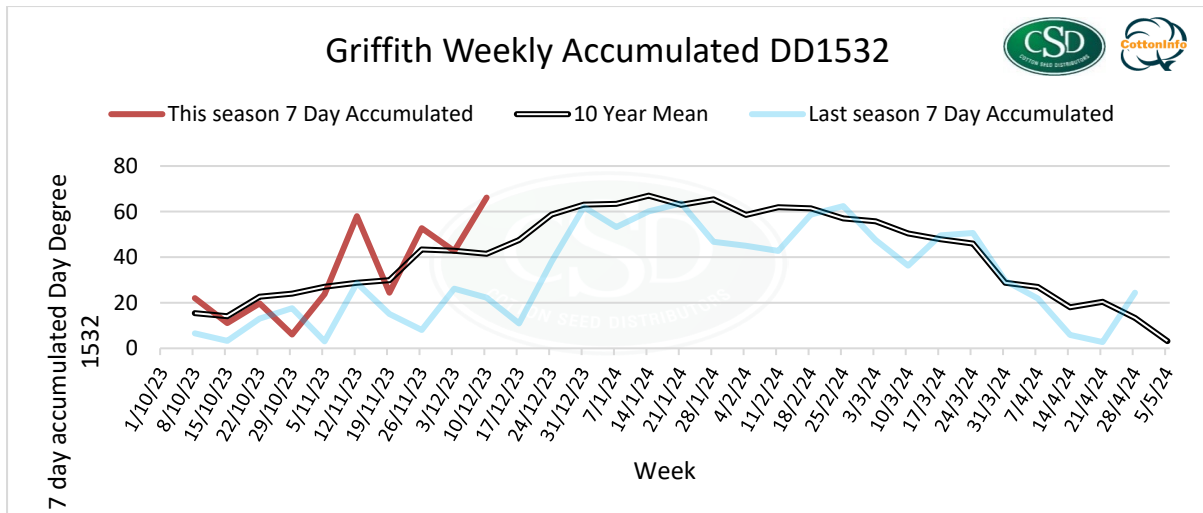
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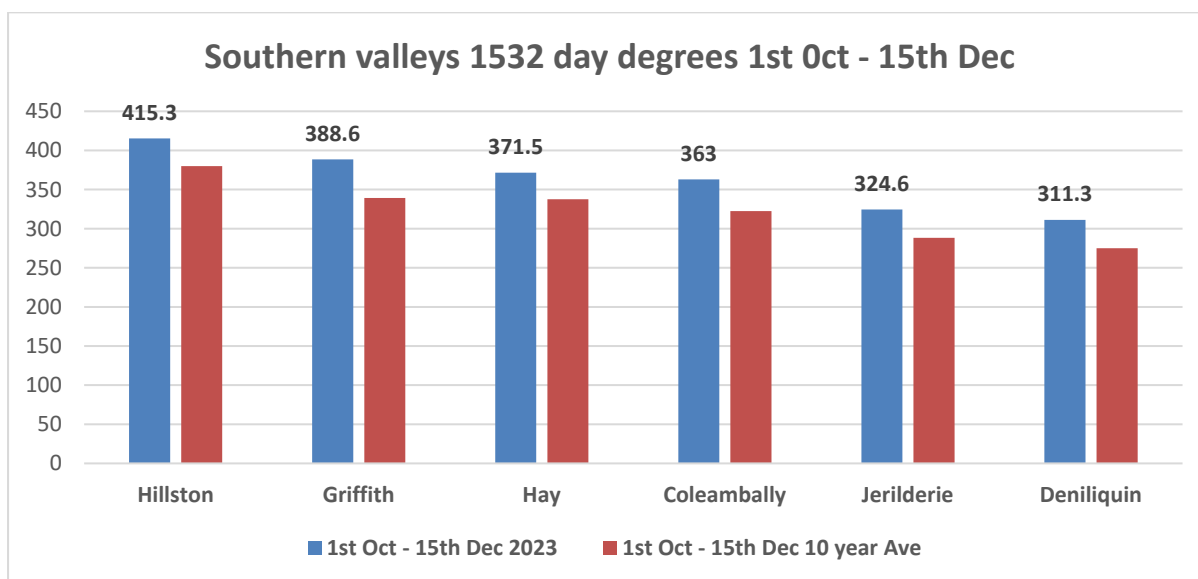
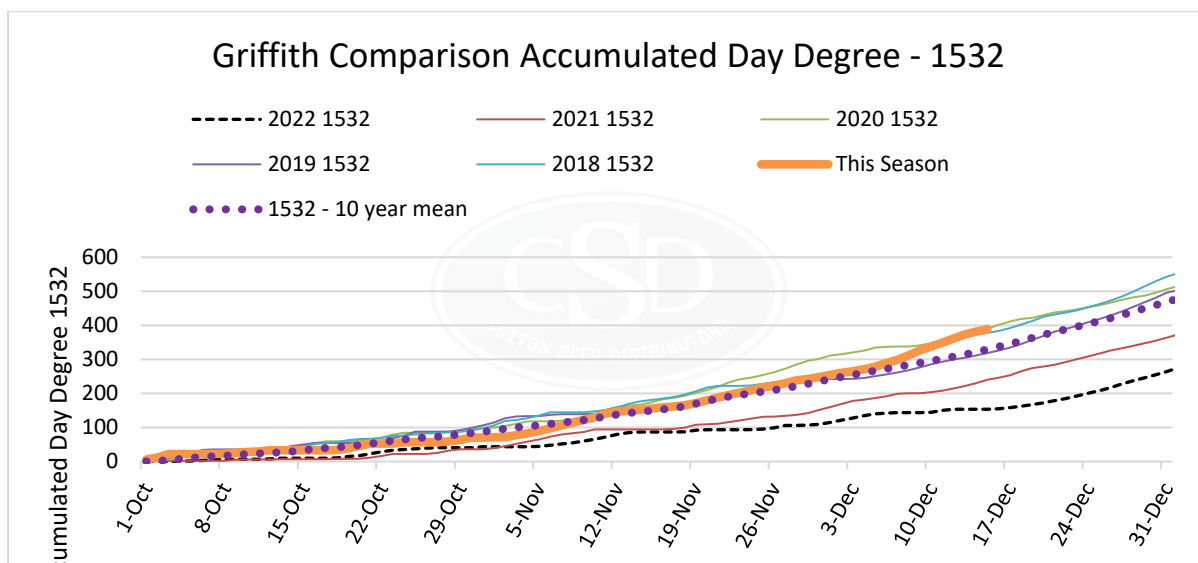


the cotton tale



December 2023





On average all locations are running at 12 % above the 10-year average for day degrees.

Crop check 15th December

Crop stage

- 8 to 15 nodes
- Most at 12 – 14 nodes
- Majority fruiting at node 6 to 8
- Replant 3 nodes
- Most fields two nodes ahead of last season

Insects/Beneficials

- The odd mirid present but still quiet
- Odd hot spots of flea beetles
- High beneficial/predatory numbers

Weeds

- High pressure after wet seasons and flooding
- Up to 2nd glyphosate application

Disease

- Soil pathogen impact has eased with the heat

General Comments

- Tracking well
- Hail damage in some crops
- Rapid growth rates in some crops, 3 nodes in a week
- First mepiquat applications are being planned
- Some light to major herbicide drift damage
- Heat seeing crops pick up where water timing has been good
- Could see first flowers by Xmas [CSD | Simulated time to estimated first flower](#)

Expressions of Interest - Southern valleys tour

A coach tour of CSD facilities (Wee Waa), CSD annual field day and Irricom (CottonInfo Irrigation forum Narrabri) is being planned for the last week of February next year.

At this stage I am calling for Expressions of Interest from growers and industry to secure a seat. With funding the deposit and full cost to secure a seat will be \$150/person which will be called for in the New Year. (More details to come soon – proposed itinerary over page).

Proposed Itinerary for Southern valleys tour, Feb 2024 (TBC)

- Leave Monday 8 am 26th February Griffith Visitors centre to CSD Wee Waa. Pick up growers at Forbes and Dubbo on the way. Tour of CSD factory and labs. BBQ tea at CSD.
- Bus back to Narrabri at 8.30 pm staying at Southern Cross Motel. Twin share rooms for 3 nights.
- Tuesday 27th February 9 am – 4pm CottonInfo Irricom (Siphonless irrigation) in Narrabri.
- Wednesday 28th February 8 am – 12 noon CSD annual field day, CSD Farms.
- Afternoon travel to Australian Cotton Research Institute (ACRI) and meet with NSW DPI and CSIRO cotton researchers.
- Thursday 8 am 29th February, travel back.



November quiz answer – just before Rankin Springs



December quiz – Where is this?



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New year.

Regards,

Kieran

Seasonal Day Degree and historical data sourced from Cotton Seed Distributors Day Degree Calculator found at www.csd.net.au/ddc. For more specific day degree and crop management detail for your farm, field and variety check out CottonTracka® at www.cottontracka.com.au

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