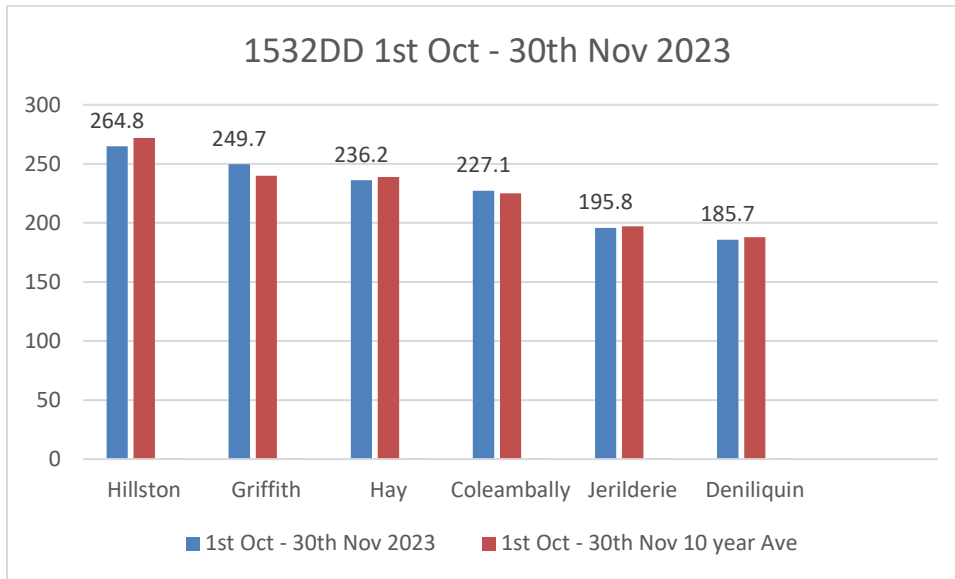




the cotton tale

November 2023



Source www.csd.net.au/ddc

Crop Stage

- 4 – 8 nodes
- First Irrigation last few weeks
- First squares in early crops

Insects/Beneficials

- Very high thrip numbers near haying off winter crops
- Variable populations - Some areas no thrips other areas more than 20/plant

Weeds

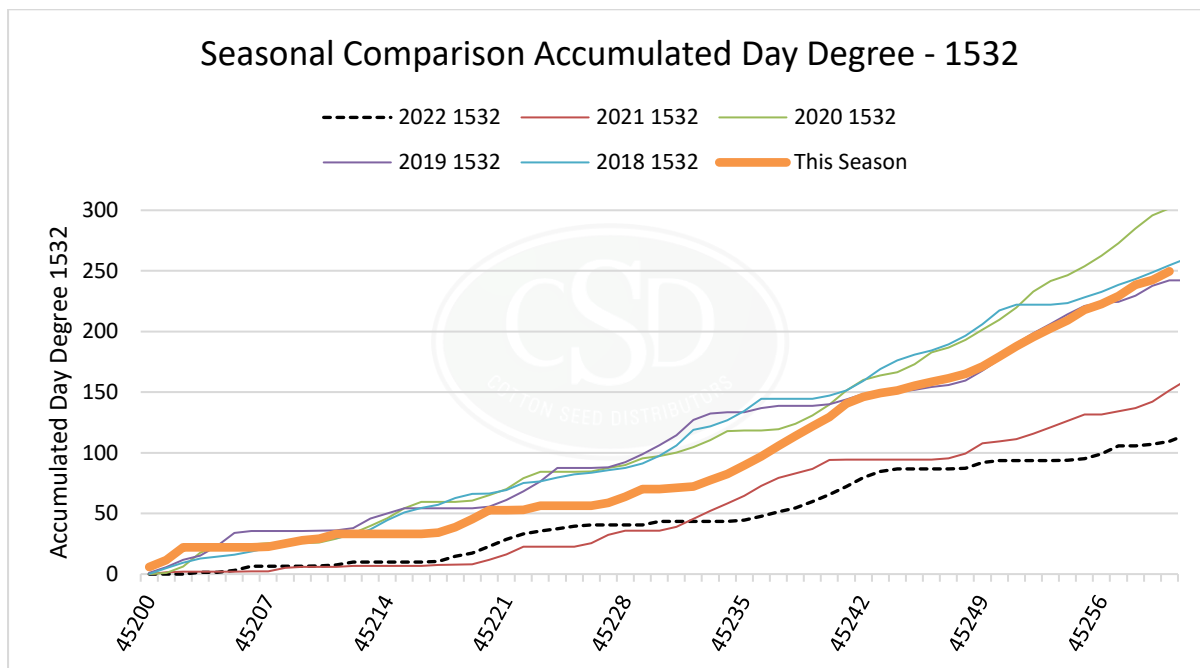
- All summer weeds germinating. Some Barnyard grass surviving.

Disease

- High Black root rot levels in known fields made worse with cold conditions impacting growth.
- Rhizoctonia common

Comments

- Tough going in some situations – very slow growth.
- Extreme temperature fluctuations
- Warmer weather over the last few weeks has seen crops doing a bit and recovering.



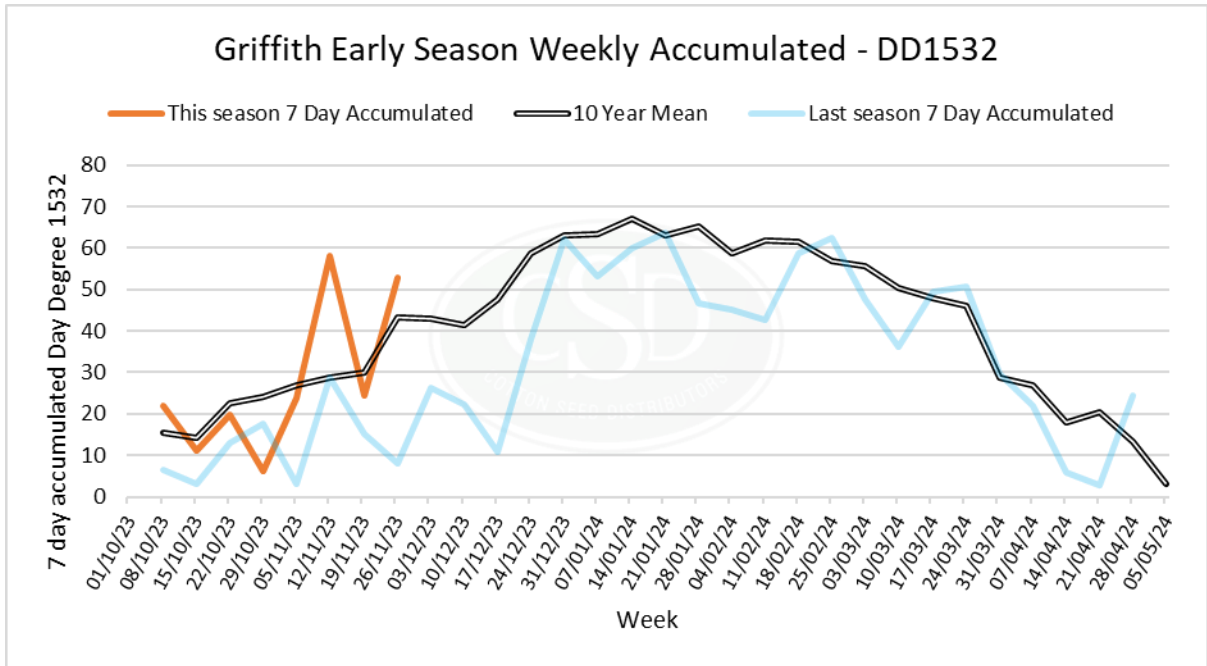
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A lot of flat line sections through early to mid-October with little Day degree accumulation. A big change in November and now close to average for this stage of the season.

Claiming the dates

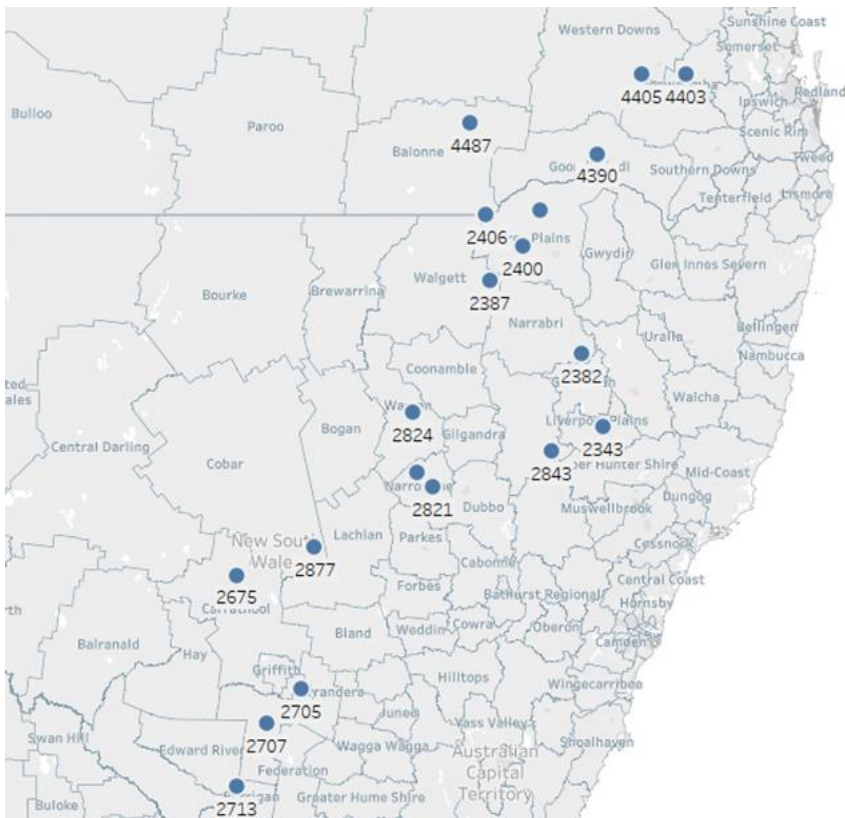
26th February – 29th February

Planning is underway for a bus tour to Narrabri to participate in Irricom and the CSD Annual field day in the last week of February 2024. More details to come soon!



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IMPORTANT ! Curtin University Disease survey – responses so far



The Centre for Crop and Disease Management (CCDM) at Curtin University is currently seeking growers and agronomists who want to be part of the cotton disease management solution.

We invite you to share information related to your knowledge and experience in an anonymous survey. Your involvement will help us identify the best ways to protect crops against fungal diseases and minimise the impacts of disease on return on investment.

This survey is part of an industry collaboration project funded by the Cotton Research and Development Corporation (Project number CU 10572) to better understand the socioeconomic impact of disease management in the Australian cotton system.

The survey takes about 20-25 minutes to complete and can be done online or by phone.

We encourage you to register your interest in the project and share this with anyone else whose insights you think could be relevant. The more survey responses we receive, the more informative the results, leading to better outcomes for the industry.

Online survey https://curtin.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9hTdCUGd85DPWm

Phone survey

To register your interest, please contact Rose Megirian via email (rose.megirian@curtin.edu.au) or phone 0455 270 827

We look forward to hearing from you to help develop locally relevant solutions for fungal disease management in cotton.

Bugchecker workshop

IREC field station, Stott Rd, Whitton 8 am THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023

Join CottonInfo IPM Tech Lead Paul Grundy and Jamie Hopkinson to learn more about:

- ID of pests and beneficials
- Insect sampling techniques and record keeping
- Basic crop physiology
- Integrated Pest Management

Beatsheets provided. Places are limited . Please contact Regional Extension Officer for Southern NSW Kieran O'Keeffe for more information: M [0427 207 406](tel:0427207406)

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For those that have already registered I will send a separate email.

The 2023/2024 FastStart Cotton Establishment Awards

Now open to growers across Australia's cotton valleys, there's 11 prizes for regional winners in the form of \$1000 gift cards to Total Tools.

Focused on the pivotal first 70 days of cotton crop establishment, FastStart™ partners CSD and Syngenta will review the entries throughout the course of the season. On top of the \$1000 regional prize, the two overall winners will also receive a Kinchrome tool kit for their ute or workshop valued at nearly \$5000 each.

It is super simple to enter – just complete the form by clicking the link below. And don't forget to include a picture of you in your crop!

Entries are judged on a combination of the establishment percentage and Planter Uniformity Index (PUI) of each eligible crop.

<https://faststartcotton.com.au/faststart-cotton-establishment-awards-entry/>

Welcome Michael Taylor!



Michael Taylor has joined CSD as the Southern NSW Extension & Development agronomist. Michael would be known to many of you as he has been in the Riverina for many years as an agronomist. Michael's main tasks will be recording information from the variety trials and getting to know and help growers and advisors.

Michael can be contacted on **M** 0417 262 422 **E** mtaylor@csd.net.au

October quiz answer – Tile drainage diggers



November quiz - Where is this ?



Regards Kieran

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