

# IRRIGATION CHECKLIST

IRRIGATION TOOLBOX  
SERIES 2024



## IRRIGATION TO DO'S

- Keep irrigation sheets clean & tidy and keep start & stop times up to date
- Keep water level in head ditch high, but at a safe level (maintain adequate freeboard, minimum 0.15m) to ensure maximum flow rate
- Maintain the water level in the head ditch so not to cause variation in flow rate during the day
- Start water at lowest part of head ditch and work to the other end
- Make sure siphons are discharging below water level between the rotabucks. ie the end submerged under the water, this ensures maximum head and therefore maximum flow rate
- Make sure siphons are straight or they will wash outside of rotabuck
- Make sure water running down the right rows if not fix the problem
- When field is finished make sure no siphons still running
- Complete the irrigation sheet
- If storms about make sure water is safe & get to all weather road if possible
- If all changes have been done chip sides of fields and head ditches always weeds to chip!

## SAFETY TO DO'S

- Seatbelts to be worn at all times
- Make sure you have enough food & water for the day
- Sunscreen / irrigation boots / torches
- Check fuel / oils / tyres
- Make sure UHF is on & working
- Every irrigation vehicle should have a shovel & hoe. You cannot irrigate without them!
- Do not reverse on any head ditch drive to end & turn around

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