



# Darling Downs crop check

**DATE** – 21 February 2020 (cc5)

**CROP STAGE** –

- 24-26 nodes
- Mid flowering – 10nacb
- 5 nawf to cutout

**DISEASE** -

- Fusarium
- Minor verticillium
- Minor/moderate boll rot

**INSECTS/BENEFICIALS** -

- Red and blue beetles
- Mirids low to building in numbers
- Increasing number of cotton stainers
- SLWF hot spots but numbers on the rise
- Harlequin bugs

**WEEDS** -

- Plenty of weeds after rain
- Very high germination of Feathertop Rhodes grass

**WEATHER** -

- humid
- wet and cloudy
- Cloudy weather has induced fruit loss in lower canopy

**OTHER** -

- Outlook improved somewhat
- Crops have gone from a DISASTER to good potential
- Pix being used in some crops

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