



Information when you need it



the **cotton tale**

August 2023

Season wrap – End of season survey

It's been a tough cotton season but there is still a lot of valuable lessons to be learnt in participating in the annual post cotton crop survey. I look forward to analysing the results of the survey and presenting the results. I respect your privacy and individual details will remain confidential.

Some questions have the option of making comments; please do so where applicable as these will help me collect my thoughts for discussion at meetings and help with the summary Powerpoint.

* To complete the survey use this link. Allow about 20 minutes to complete the survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cotton2023>

You can also give me a call and we can complete the survey over the phone. Please participate as soon as possible with cut off by the 7th September.

There is also a **grower** meeting at Coleambally Community Club Thursday 24th August 9 am – 11.30 am to collect the survey information and discuss the season ahead as well. Strict RSVP required by Wednesday 23rd by return email or text to me.

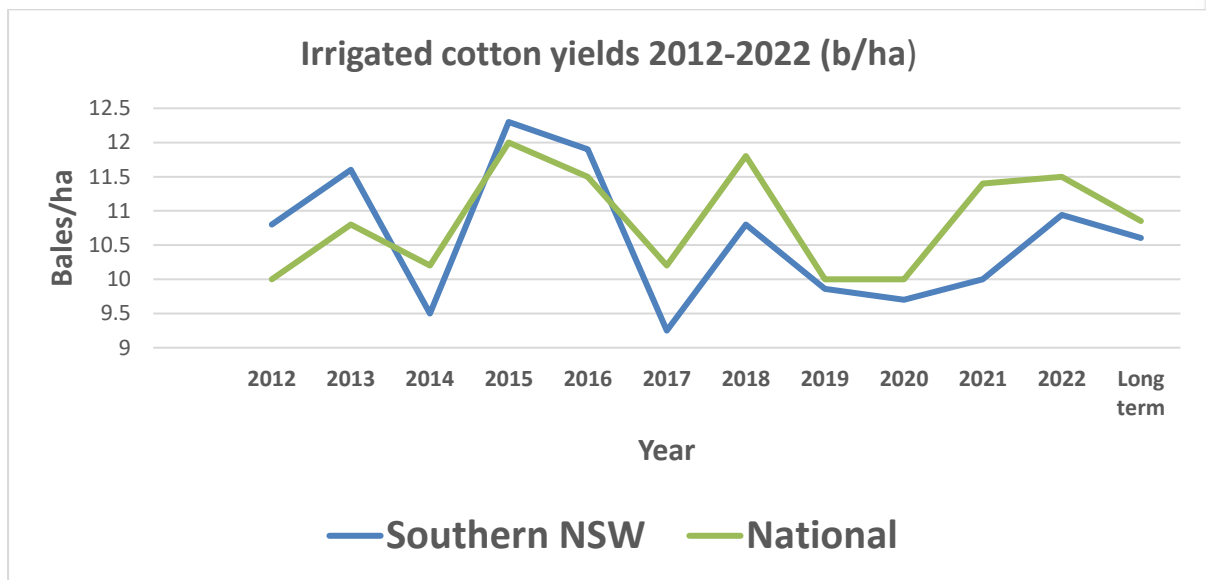
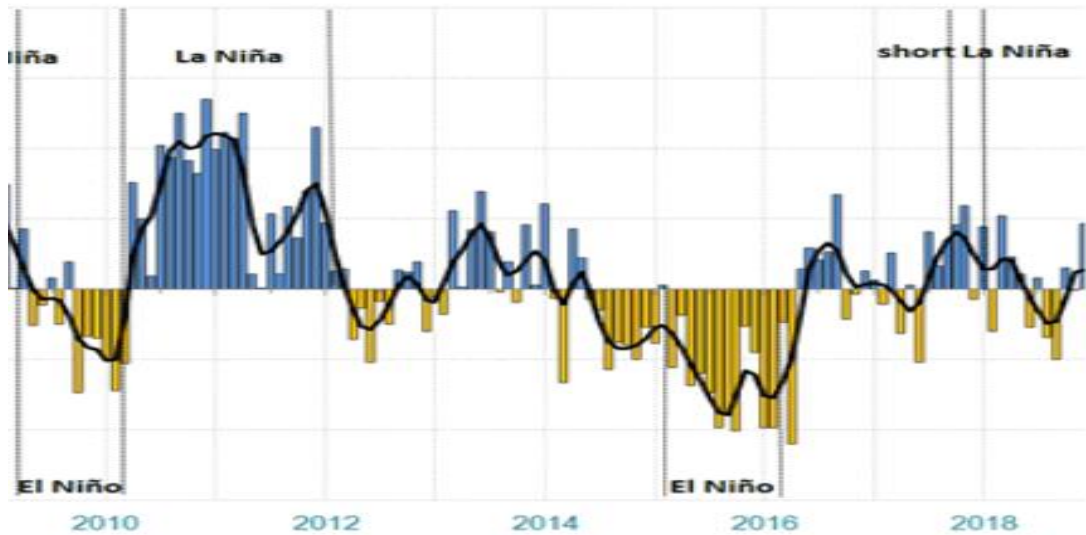
Weather forecast – what will the season bring?

With the BOM at El nino alert level it is likely that we will have a warmer summer period compared to the run of recent cooler summers. Higher yields in southern NSW do line up when hot and dry summers occur.



Best Practice





Comment here from CottonInfo Climate and Energy Technical lead Jon Welsh

The Indian Ocean Dipole is the major driver for you at cotton planting until Xmas – this is looking warmer and drier for you. If water is plentiful, the following summer looks great for southern irrigators. The IOD looks to be making its run into dry phase now, so not exactly welcome for the current dryland winter crop.

XtendFlex cotton

The following XtendFlex trial data comes from three years of CSIRO trials at Whitton and Hillston. Comments on varieties from Warwick Stiller Cotton breeder CSIRO.

Note that CSX1049B3XF is a normal density seed so more suited to the cooler starting conditions in the south. Also note the lower micronaire result for CSX4389B3XF but will be included in trials this coming season.

CSIRO MIA XtendFlex trials mean 2020,21,22.

LINE	TRAITS	Yield Ba/ha	LP	LEN	STR	MIC
CSX1049B3XF		11.97	40.3	1.25	31	3.6
CSX4133B3XF		11.4	42.9	1.24	29.3	3.5
CSX5439B3XF		11.2	41.4	1.28	29.2	3.1
CSX3141B3XF	CBT	12.6	42.7	1.27	30.1	3.5
CSX4389B3XF	Okra, CBT	12.61	44.3	1.22	29.7	3.2

•Sicot714B3F averaged 11.81b/ha and Sicot746B3F 12.17b/ha over the three years. For the MIA, **CSX4389B3XF** (Okra Leaf) and **CSX3141B3XF** have both performed well. I think **CSX1049B3XF** is also an option for some situations as it is a bit quicker.

CSIRO Lachlan XtendFlex trials mean 2021,2022,2023.

LINE	TRAITS	Yield b/ha	LP	LEN	STR	MIC
CSX1049B3XF		16.27	42.2	1.24	33.3	4.1
CSX4133B3XF		15.33	44	1.23	30.1	3.9
CSX5439B3XF		15.58	42.4	1.28	30.5	3.5
CSX3141B3XF	CBT	16	43.5	1.23	31.5	4.1
CSX4389B3XF	Okra, CBT	16.36	45.1	1.21	31.6	3.6

- Sicot714B3F averaged 16.92 b/ha and Sicot746B3F 17.91 b/ha over two years.

Comments from Warwick Stiller.

- For the Lachlan, **CSX4389B3XF** has been the most consistent performer and has the highest average yield, but bear in mind that it is an okra leaf line and I'm not sure that people are going to jump in and grow it straight away. **CSX1049B3XF** is a bit more compact and slightly earlier maturing and has also performed pretty well. **CSX3141B3XF** has also performed well. .

Upcoming XtendFlex Cotton Spray Applicator Training Sessions

As part of Bayer's commitment to whole of system stewardship, the spray applicator training will be a requirement for:

- Technology User Agreement (TUA) signers;
- All on-farm staff responsible for spray applications (including mixing/handling); and
- Any spray contractor that applies XtendFlex Cotton System products over-the-top (OTT) of XtendFlex cotton varieties, once approved by the APVMA.

Upcoming training sessions are listed in the table below. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Monday 28 August, 2023	Condobolin	8.45 am – 2.30 pm
Tuesday 29 August, 2023	Hillston	8.45 am – 2.30 pm
Wednesday 30 August, 2023	Hay	8.45 am – 2.30 pm
Thursday 31 August, 2023	Coleambally	8.45 am – 2.30 pm
Friday 1 September, 2023	Griffith	8.45 am – 2.30 pm
Monday 4 September, 2023	Darlington Point	8.45 am – 2.30 pm
Tuesday 5 September, 2023	Deniliquin	8.45 am – 2.30 pm

SVCGA Awards dinner

A great night last Friday with over 120 cotton industry and growers coming together to celebrate and look forward to the coming season.

Hutchenson and Pearce Grower of the year was awarded to David and Julie Bellato from Coleambally who have a focus on rotations growing a diverse range of summer and winter crops.

The Greg Toole Service to Industry award went to long term industry stalwart Rob Collins who was the first President of the Lachlan Valley Cotton Growers Association.



David and Julie Bellato - SVCGA Hutchenson and Pearce Grower of the year



Rob Collins – Greg Toole Service to Industry award with Paul Cleton President SVCGA.

Events coming up

CSD Growing better series Mastering cotton forum Griffith

Date: Thursday 14/09/2023 1:00 pm

Venue: Exies Bagtown & Function Centre

Address: 2 Blumer Ave **Town:** Griffith, NSW

We are excited to be bringing the Growing Better Series Mastering Cotton Forum to Griffith! Topics covered at the forum will include nutrition, varieties and new lines, verticillium and fusarium wilt, black root rot, disease management, micronaire, weed control, planter prep and heaps more!

Register here

[Form \(hsforms.com\)](https://hsforms.com)

Where is this?



Regards Kieran

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