

CottonMap Annual Report 2013-14

Summary

- 207 registered users mapped 420,237 hectares for the 2013-14 season (Table 1).
- Over 99% of the planted area was mapped to CottonMap (Table 1).
- The Cotton Australia estimate is 423,000 hectares planted, which is similar to the previous (2012-13) season (Table 1).
- Almost 18 fields were mapped per user, indicating that a number of consultants/TSPs may be mapping on behalf of growers (Table 1).
- Early season mapping was rapid compared with previous seasons, with 25% of all fields mapped by the 20th October (Table 2).
- Late season mapping was faster compared with previous seasons, with 90% of fields being mapped by the 8th December, almost a week before any previous season (Table 2).

Spray drift incidence

- Cotton Australia was notified of approximately 780 ha cotton affected by phenoxy spray drift which equated to approximately 0.2% of planted cotton area. The area damaged (%) was the lowest on record (Table 3).
- The most damage occurred in NSW (660 ha) compared with QLD (120 ha).
- The majority of reported crop damage was of low to medium severity (Figure 5).
- There were no reported instances of total crop failure due to spray drift damage (Figure 5).

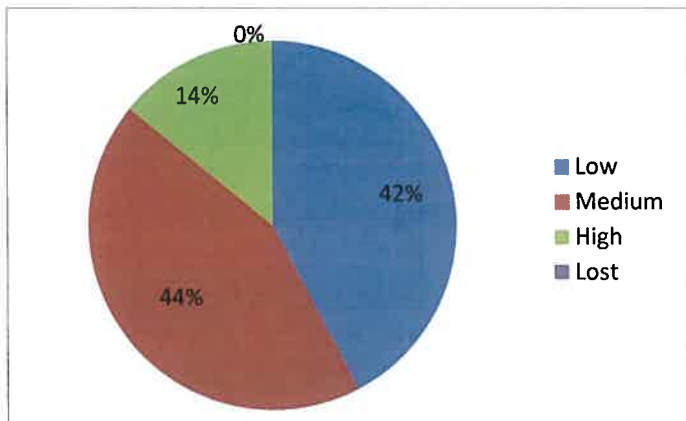


Figure 5 Proportion of reported spray drift incidences for 2013-14 where severity of damage was low, medium or high.