



**Planting Window: NSW and Southern QLD**

The Planting Window requires all planting of Bollgard II and refuges to be watered up or planted into moisture by the 15 November 2007. Recent proposals to extend the planting window have not been accepted. Please refer to the Letter sent out last week in regard to the TIMS committee being in consultation with resistance researchers, Monsanto and the regulator (APVMA) to explore various scenarios that might play out as the season progresses.

**Irrigated Bollgard II refuge options.**

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>% of Bollgard II</b>
Irrigated Cotton:	Sprayed Cotton Refuge - an area of irrigated conventional cotton that is equal to 100% of the area of Bollgard II on the farm and is planted within two weeks of the Bollgard II, which can be conventionally managed for Helicoverpa spp. and other pests. No Bt products may be included at any stage.	100
	<b>OR</b>	
	Unsprayed Cotton Refuge - an area of irrigated conventional cotton which will not be treated for any reason with any products that control Helicoverpa spp. that is equal to 10% of the Bollgard II area on the farm and is planted within two weeks of the Bollgard II.	10
Irrigated Pigeon Pea:	An area of unsprayed irrigated pigeon pea which will not be treated for any reason with any products which control Helicoverpa spp. that is equal to 5% of the Bollgard II on the farm, is planted within two weeks of the Bollgard II and is managed to ensure several cycles of flowering throughout the cotton season.	5
Irrigated Sorghum: (With <b>prior agreement from Monsanto</b> )	An area of unsprayed irrigated sorghum which will not be treated for any reason with any products that control Helicoverpa spp. that is equal to 15% of the total area of Bollgard II on the farm, and is planted in three plantings (each not less than 1/3 of total refuge required) at two week intervals, to ensure the crop is attractive from 15 January to 28 February (1 January to 14 February in Central Queensland)	15
Irrigated Corn: (With <b>prior agreement from Monsanto</b> )	An area of unsprayed irrigated corn (maize) which will not be treated for any reason with any products that control Helicoverpa spp. that is equal to 20% of the total area of Bollgard II on the farm, and is planted in three plantings (each not less than 1/3 of total refuge required) at two week intervals, to ensure the crop is attractive from 15 January to 28 February (1 January to 14 February in Central Queensland).	20
	NB: Growers choosing the sorghum or corn (maize) options will undergo additional audits during the season to ensure compliance and those sufficient, timely plantings have been made to ensure that the crop is attractive at the stipulated time. At least one third of the required refuge area should be planted at each planting.	

**For Further information Bollgard II Resistant Management Plan Log onto:**  
[www.crdc.com.au/documents/Bollgard%2011%20RMP.pdf](http://www.crdc.com.au/documents/Bollgard%2011%20RMP.pdf)

**DAFF: Support Funding for Irrigators**

DAFF have released a proposal to assist irrigators with funding up to \$20,000 in the Murray Darling Basin, the details are still being sorted out, but currently the best approach is to contact the Murray Darling Basin Assistance and register your interest via the Referral Line on 1800 050015.

DPI&F will release more details as they become available.