

myBMP

Participation is the focus,
certification is optional

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The Australian cotton industry's *myBMP* web-based management system provides all Australian cotton growers a centralised location to access the industry's best practice standards which are fully supported by scientific knowledge, resources and technical support. It represents a complete rejuvenation and extension of the original BMP system providing growers with tools to

Help improve on-farm production performance

- Better manage business risk
- Maximise potential market advantages
- Demonstrate responsible and sustainable natural resource management to the community.

myBMP is the result of industry wide consultation with growers, researchers and industry bodies, taking into consideration the requirements of the cotton industry now and into the future. The initiative is supported by the Cotton Research Development Corporation and Cotton Australia.



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New *myBMP* features

Part of the ongoing improvement program there have been a number of changes to the *myBMP* program that include

- Master documents – allows the quick uploading of key resources such as induction plans
- Light bulbs – additional resource that allows user to see suggestions or helpful information
- Useful short cuts – can't find something, this link can help find commonly used functions
- Let Us Know – allows users to easily email information to the *myBMP* admin office

Why use *myBMP*

- **A simplified program** – being web-based, *myBMP* has done away with clunky manuals and paper based assessments. All information is lodged electronically and stored confidentially. *myBMP* allows the user to upload documents relevant to their *myBMP* practices in one easy to manage on-line filing cabinet.
- **Tailored by you for you** – *myBMP* allows you to work through the program modules in the order and to the levels that suit your business priorities whether you just want to check the identified legal requirements or conduct a farm self-assessment. *myBMP* has been designed to accommodate all users – from the seasoned BMP user to growers who have never grown cotton or used BMP before
- **Focus on continual improvement** – for the Australian cotton industry to remain competitive in the world market, continual improvement and increased efficiencies will be important and *myBMP* can help in the delivery and dissemination of new research and information that helps makes this continual improvement possible.
- **Resources** – every practice is linked to its own reference source that provides definitions, explanations, templates, calculators and links to further information. No more need for Google searches because *myBMP* provides access to all the latest information and research results in one easy to access place
- **Certification** – those growers who choose to seek certification will find the new and streamlined auditing process easier to manage

Getting started is easy

- ***myBMP* can be accessed via www.myBMP.com.au** – once on the home page, selecting the "Register Here" text will take you through the registration process (Tip – the "Demonstrations" tab will allow you to access a video tutorial, showing you how to complete the process – once registered you can watch virtual tours of all of the *myBMP* features from the Grower Home Page)
- **Support** – If at any time you have questions about *myBMP*, you can either email the *myBMP* Service Manager via admin@myBMP.com.au or call 1800 COTTON for over the phone support and training.

For more information go to www.myBMP.com.au

What time is it?



Planning

- Assess energy use (Ch10)
- Manage diseases & pests(Ch16, 13)
- Plan for dryland cotton (Ch9)
- Plan to maximise your cotton quality (Ch20)
- Rate your risk of herbicide resistance (Ch15)
- Review whole farm water use (Ch8)
- Review your cotton business (Ch24, 25)
- Select variety/biotech (Ch3)
- Soil test & develop fertiliser plan (Ch7)
- Staff training & safety updated (Ch26)
- Select and get to know your fields (Ch11, 17)
- Weeds & ratoon/volunteer control (Ch15, 18)

Planting/ Emergence

- Check soil moisture (Ch8, 9)
- Come Clean Go Clean (Ch16)
- Get to know your local D&D (backpage)
- Planting and establishment (Ch4)
- Pre-irrigate or water up? (Ch4, 8, 16)
- Reduce risk by using cottonmap (Ch12)
- Stay soft early for season long IPM (Ch13)
- Survey for disease and symptoms (Ch7, 16)
- Use planting window & establish a refuge (Ch14)

Harvest/Post Crop

- Come Clean. Go Clean. (Ch16)
- Crop preparation before harvest (Ch21)
- Harvest & Deliver quality cotton (Ch22)
- Harvest Safely (Ch22, 26)
- Manage cotton stubble (Ch14, 16, 18)
- Map yield to plan for the future (Ch11)
- Pupae bust (Ch14)
- Understand post farm processing (Ch23)

In Crop

- Monitoring informs management (Ch5,6,7,8,13,21)
- Maximise your natural resources (Ch19)
- Manage irrigation efficiently (Ch8)
- Best practice crop protection (Ch13, 14, 15, 16)
- Record for benchmarking (Ch7, 8, 10)
- Survey for disease and symptoms (Ch16, 7)
- Apply sprays efficiently (Ch12)
- Adhere to IRMS & RMP (Ch14)

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