



Australian Government
**Cotton Research and
Development Corporation**

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Part 1 - Summary Details

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CRDC Project Number: CRDC1220

Project Title: UNE Cotton Production Course

Commencement Date: 2011 **Completion Date:** 2012

CRDC Research Program: Choose an item.

Part 2 – Contact Details

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Part 3 – Scholarship or Sponsorship Report

(Maximum two pages)

1. How has the course assisted you in your day to day working life?

The UNE Cotton Production Course has assisted me by being able to apply the science behind cotton production to the paddock. Compared to my under-graduate study, the UNE Cotton Production Course was highly specific to my work as an agronomist

2. How has the course assisted you in your career path?

Working as a Consultant Agronomist it is important to know all aspects of cotton production from planting through to harvest and finally to product use, all of which was covered in the coursework. It has also provided networking with other young professional within the cotton industry from different growing regions within Australia.

The course matter related to becoming an agricultural professional (e.g consultant) is of benefit not only as a consulting agronomist but to potential future jobs within the agricultural industry.

3. What was the most valuable thing you got out of the course?

The relevance of the coursework to my day to day work was easily the most valuable aspect of this course. As mentioned in question 1, being able to apply, but also observe the science behind cotton production in the field was very rewarding.

4. How will completing the course benefit the industry?

The knowledge gained completing this course can only benefit the Australian Cotton Industry as it is increasing the skills and knowledge of the next generation of cotton professionals. Making contacts within the industry is also a fantastic aspect of this course as it allows for information sharing between cotton valleys/growing regions

5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry?

As an agronomist, information will be shared to growers/clients. This will allow for increased yields in a sustainable growing system. Knowledge will also be shared to fellow employees, especially in mentoring roles to younger staff members, including crop scouts

6. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve the course?

It would be fantastic to run some of the practical school over the main growing months of the season to be able to see the growth and development stages within the paddock. (May be difficult however as students may be busy with their own work in the field at this time of year).

7. Please attach any supporting documentation or course completion transcript

2 Distinctions and 2 High Distinctions were awarded for my studies.

A record of this is will be kept by the University of New England

Please email your report 30 days after course to: research@crdc.com.au