

The three day Field to Fabric course was extensive and detailed, with a diverse range of participants. It was an advantage to have people coming from all aspects of the cotton industry as they provided a variety of knowledge and experience and contributed to well rounded discussion sessions.

It was also a great advantage to be able to observe machinery and processes in action once we were given the theoretical sessions. The staff made our question and observation time worth while and we were able to spend extensive periods in the processing areas.

The course met all of my expectations and highlighted other issues in the cotton industry. I have gained a good understanding of the processing aspects of cotton and have gained an insight into the need for good quality fibre for this process. I have also learned about the essential characteristics of quality fibre and the activities that can impact on these characteristics particularly at a farm and gin level.

An excellent snapshot of the current global perspective of the cotton industry was presented and included information on marketing, Australian markets and our competitors.

I would recommend this course to all members of our industry for its comprehensive coverage of the cotton industry and because it not only highlights where improvements need to be made to ensure high quality Australian cotton and why, it also provides suggestions on how improvements can be made.

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