



COTTON information sheet

NOW THAT FUSARIUM WILT HAS BEEN
CONFIRMED ON YOUR FARM:

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Now that fusarium wilt has been confirmed on your farm your interests will be best served by your own management action. Other infected farms have put in train effective procedures that have significantly reduced the Fusarium impact. In several instances, infection has been reduced to undetectable levels. The first step of management action is communication (nothing very much can be achieved without including your associates in your plans). The following communication protocol is designed to assist you to implement this first step.

YOU NEED TO TELL:

- **Your employees** They may need to do some things differently.
- **Your neighbours** This is a courtesy and an important part of district wide disease management.
- **Your cotton extension specialist, Industry Development Officer or District Agronomist** They can help you develop a Fusarium control strategy for your farm. They can supply you with the latest information on the disease and its control. They also need to be aware of the distribution of the disease within the district. See over for list of Cotton CRC extension officers.
- **Your consultant/bug checkers/visiting agronomists, etc.** They are going from farm to farm when it's wet and when it's dry. They need to be aware.

- **Any contractors that visit your farm** (land-forming, chippers, pickers, module trucks, slashers, cereal harvesters etc.) The sooner they know the better!
- **Your ginning organisation** Ginning organisations have established protocols for handling, processing and disposing of gin trash from the modules from Fusarium affected fields.
- **Electricity and telephone linesmen and the irrigation meter readers going from farm to farm** These organisations have expressed concern and want to be as responsible as possible in their procedures.

And, if you are a pure seed grower,

- **Your seed company.** The industry protocol requires the rejection of pure seed crops from farms where Fusarium wilt is found to be present.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD YOU DO?

- **Ensure that adequate wash-down facilities are available so that consultants, contractors and visitors can clean vehicles thoroughly before they leave your farm to work somewhere else or visit someone else. Implement a COME CLEAN GO CLEAN POLICY**
- **Refer to your BMP manual for farm hygiene guidelines**

