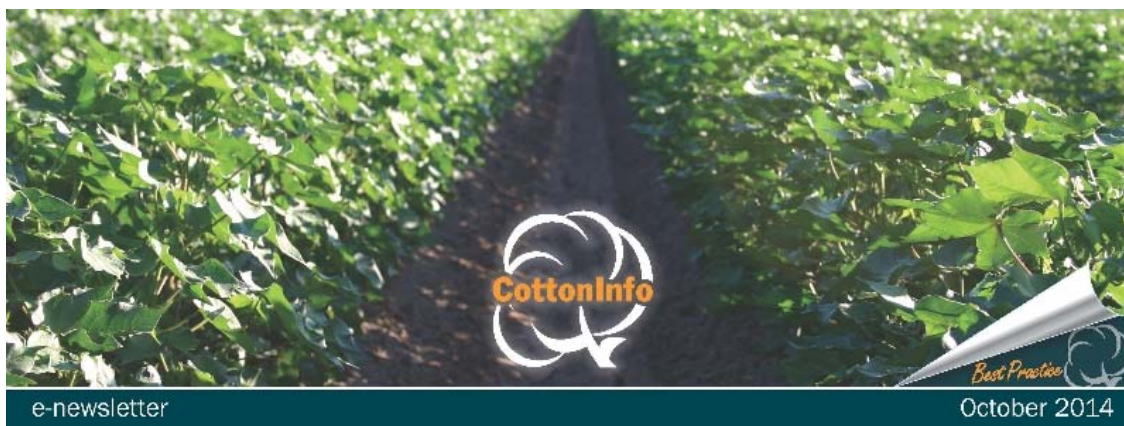


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Welcome to the CottonInfo e-news.

Each fortnight our team of Regional Development Officers, Technical Specialists and *myBMP* experts will be bringing you the latest information on what you need to know, and when (for more on CottonInfo, and to meet our team, [click here](#)).

With planting underway, this fortnight we take a look at **the planting window**.

Bollgard II planting window extension.

Approval for a planting window extension.

Approval has been granted from the AVPMA for variations to the 2015 Bollgard II Resistance Management Plan (RMP). The permit is designed to study the effect of an extended planting window and end of season crop management.

Research conducted this year as part of the Bollgard 3 RMP development has better quantified the relationship between season length and Bt exposure - and the results have reinforced the importance of end of season control measures as resistance mitigation strategies and a direct link to limiting the number of generations of *Helicoverpa spp.* exposed to Bollgard II.

Planting window changes:

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| Region | Overview of permit window | Mitigation Strategies | Compliance tracking | |
| NSW and Southern QLD (including Darling Downs). | All Bollgard II must be planted by November 30 th (an additional 15 days after the RMP window close). | Bollgard II planted within the permit period (November 15-30) must be destroyed within 30 days of completion of harvest. | Monsanto will audit fields planted within the permit period and record defoliation, picking and destruction dates. | |
| Central QLD. | An additional two weeks to be allocated adjacent to the current RMP window, at the discretion of the CGA (can be prior or following the current window). | Bollgard II planted within the permit period must be destroyed within 30 days of completion of harvest Bollgard II planted later than the current RMP window will require an additional 1 percent refuge area. | Monsanto will audit fields planted within the permit period to record additional refuge and will also record defoliation, picking and destruction dates. | |

Managing the risk: actions required by growers

The following additional risk mitigation requirements, agreed on by Monsanto and the Transgenic and Insecticide Management Strategies (TIMS) Committee, are required for areas planted after the prescribed window.

NSW/Southern QLD:

- Bollgard II planted within the permit period (November 15-30) must be destroyed within 30 days of completion of harvest.

Central QLD:

- Bollgard II planted within the permit period must be destroyed within 30 days of completion of harvest.
- Bollgard II planted later than the current RMP window (ie. yesterday, 26th October) will require an additional one percent refuge area.

Where to go for more information?

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