

Knowledge Management in Irrigated Cotton and Grains

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC has been conducting the *Knowledge Management in Irrigated Cotton and Grains* project for the past 3 years. As this project draws to a close, the CRC has engaged consultants Coutts J&R to conduct a telephone survey of a random sample of growers, consultants and others involved in the cotton and grains industries.

If you are contacted regarding this survey, it will only take about 10 minutes of your time and your responses will be anonymous. If you are contacted but do not wish to take part in the survey you can simply decline involvement.

Liesel Rennie, on behalf of Coutts J&R, will be conducting these interviews over March. Your assistance will help us in continuing to improve information and training to the industry.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you require any further information about this evaluation please contact David Wigginton, (07) 4631 1711 david.wigginton@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Pale Cotton Stainers

Cotton stainers are recognised as occasional pests of cotton in Australia. Economic damage is unusual because of their;

- incidental control when using broad spectrum insecticides for other pests;
- inability to survive; temperatures above 40°C.
- need for free water to be present.

However in mild seasons Bollgard II® crops maybe a favourable environment for cotton stainers and they may need to be managed.

A new fact sheet on pale cotton stainers has been produced by the Cotton CRC outlining their lifecycle, identification, monitoring, damage, thresholds and management options. This is available on the web at www.cotton.crc.org.au under industry/publications.

Crop Competition Nominations

The Macintyre Valley Cotton Growers Association (MVCGA) in conjunction with the Macintyre Valley Field Day Committee (MDFDC) invite growers to enter this year's cotton crop competition.

Two categories will be awarded this year at the annual awards night, scheduled for July 2008 (Date to be confirmed). They include:

1. **Irrigated Crop Of the Year**
2. **Farm of the Year**

The MVCGA and the MDFDC will again be conducting the *Macintyre Valley Cotton Growers Consistency Award*, sponsored by Cargill Cotton. This award will be presented at the annual field day (19th of March 2008).

There is no entry fee required.

Entries Close: 13th March 2008

Entries to: Rod Gordon
Field Day Committee
Locked Bag 2
Goondiwindi 4390
Fax: 07 46712782

Enquiries to: Rod Gordon 0746716711 or 0428879900

Consultants and Neighbours of cotton growers if you know of a promising cotton crop please prompt the growers to enter the competition.

Deltapine

Macintyre Valley Field Day

Thursday 13th March 2008

3:00pm Qld time

Field E2, Morella

RSVP to Lou Gall: Fax - 02 6752 1683

Email: lou.j.gall@deltapine.com.au

CSD

Macintyre Short Field Walk

Thursday 13th March 2008

4:00pm (Qld time) Field E2, Morella

5:00pm Korolea, Lowes Road

Enquiries to David Kelly: 0428950021