



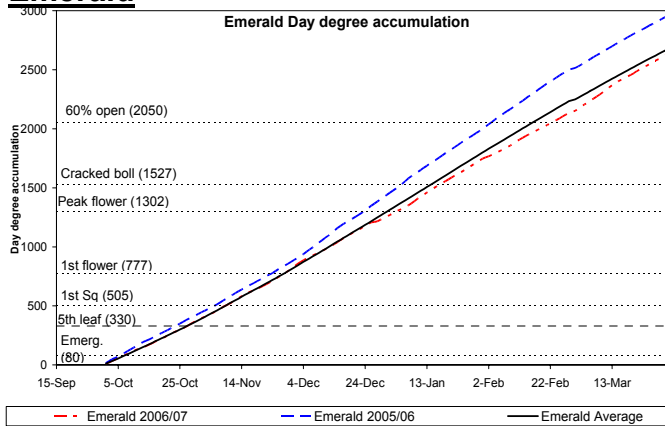
06/07 Season Review

There were mixed fortunes across central Queensland last season, with some very late picks. While only 70914 bales left Central Queensland, average yields have continued to climb.

Central Highlands – 9.41bales/ha
Dawson - 9.72 bales/ha

For both Emerald and Theodore, 06/07 was very close to average in terms of day degrees accumulation. Interestingly, whilst Emerald had a reduced number of hot days (~30% of years had 47 or less hot days), Theodore had an above average number of hot days (~85% of years had less than 64 hot days).

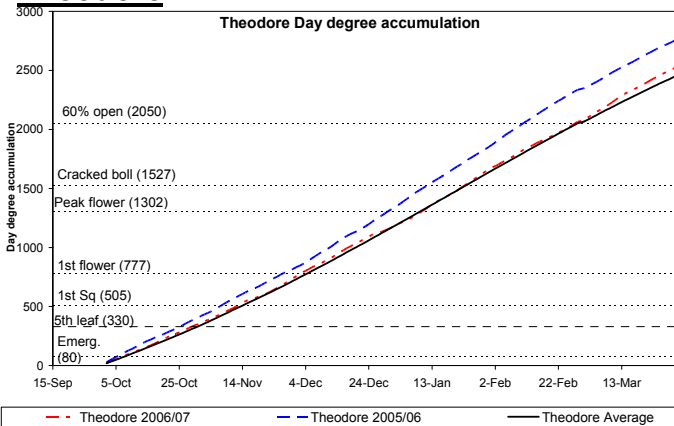
Emerald



Emerald 1 st Oct – 31 st March	06/07	05/06	Average
Day degree accumulation	2632	2959	2674
No. Hot Days (max above 35°C)	47	95	62
No. Cold Days (min below 11°C)	1	0	1

*Emerald airport data (May 1993 onwards)

Theodore



Theodore 1 st Oct – 31 st March	06/07	05/06	Average
Day degree accumulation	2535	2769	2463
No. Hot Days (max above 35°C)	64	93	41
No. Cold Days (min below 11°C)	4	1	4

This is the first Cotton Tale for 07/08. Please contact us if you:

- Would like to change the way your receive this newsletter
- Wish to be taken off the distribution list
- Know of someone who wants to be added to the distribution list

Important dates for 07/08

Planting Date:

- Central Highlands 15 Sept – 31 Oct 07
- Dawson/Callide 25 Sept – 6 Nov 07
- Cotton refuge to be planted within 2 weeks of planting BollgardIII

New Website

Checkout www.irrigate.net.au

A new website that provides an extensive range of valuable information and "TOOLS" such as

- OVERsched – a CPLM management support tool
- Ready Reckoner - to calculate dam evaporation rates and possible mitigation systems
- BMP Watercalc - a whole-farm water balance spreadsheet
- Wheat production- "Usage tab" \ "Sector use" \ "wheat"
- WATERpak, SOILpak ...

Overall, an excellent site that provides easy access across a wide range of associated areas. Well worth spending a little time checking out what is available.

Skills telegraph

Have you identified a need for training in your primary industry? Log onto the Skills Telegraph www.dpi.qld.gov.au/skillstelegraph or call DPI&F on 13 25 23 The information collected will be collated, validated and prioritised and then provided to the Department of Education, Training and the Arts in a Skills Plan. They will use the information to ensure that training that they fund is targeted directly to meet industry's needs.