

### Cotton Awards Dinner

The Darling Downs Cotton Awards Dinner was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September at the Jondaryan Woolshed. The night was a huge success with an impressive attendance despite the tough times. Congratulations to all the award winners and a big thank you to the crop judges and the organising committee who made the awards night such a success.

Award winners:

**Cotton Grower of the Year** was awarded to Ian and Dan Hayllor

**Highly Commended Cotton Grower** was awarded to Philip and Mitchell Clapham

The **Service to Industry** award was won by Glenn Fresser

The **Young Achiever of the Year** was awarded to Daniel Skerman

Crop yields were again hotly contested with the prize for the **highest irrigated crop yield** awarded to Stuart Armitage with a yield of 13.48 bales/hectare.

The **highest yield for dryland cotton** was awarded to Graham Butler with a yield of 3.29 bales/hectare.

### Insect Resistance Management Strategy

The 2007/08 IRMS for the Darling Downs is now available. It can be downloaded from the Cotton CRC website [www.cotton.crc.org.au](http://www.cotton.crc.org.au) or by contacting us at DPI&F in Dalby. The cotton industry IRMS seeks to manage the risk of resistance in *Helicoverpa* spp., aphids and mites in both conventional and Bollgard II® cotton.

The strategy is an integral part of managing and protecting the technology used in the cotton industry to control those pests so that the efficacy of the technology is sustained into the future.

Whenever insecticides are used there is selection pressure for resistance. The IRMS should always be consulted when making a spray decision, even in Bollgard II® cotton.

### REMINDER

#### Irrigated Cotton and Grains Workshop series Scheduling 1

**Date:** Wednesday 26 September

**Location:** Dalby DPI&F Meeting Room

**Time:** 2.00-5.00pm

*If you are interested and would like to attend the Dalby workshop please contact Jenelle Hare on 46690825*

### Aphids in cereals

We had many enquiries this week about aphid infestations in cereal crops.

Two species of aphids infest cereals with the oat aphid commonly found around the base of the tillers while the corn aphid prefers to feed in the whorl and under leaves higher on the plant. Check crops regularly from late tillering and consider control if the population exceeds 15 aphids/tiller on 50% of tillers. Consider control options that do not disrupt natural enemies of aphids.



For further information about aphids in cereals please refer to the following website.

[www.thebeatsheet-ipmnews.blogspot.com](http://www.thebeatsheet-ipmnews.blogspot.com)

While the oat and corn aphids that infest cereals do not infest cotton, this may be a timely reminder for growers to control weeds that may harbour overwintering cotton aphids.

The Downs has experienced an unusually wet winter which has resulted in a significant weed population. Many weeds are good hosts for cotton aphids and the removal of these hosts is therefore an important aspect in aphid control.

Remember **Spray right – reduce drift**