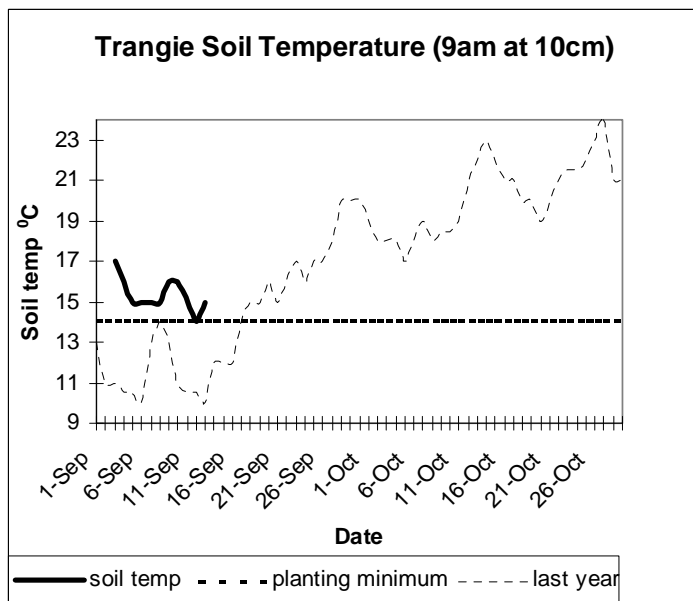


Soil Temperature for Cotton Planting

It is recommended that cotton sowing does not occur until minimum soil temperatures at the seed sowing depth are maintained at 14°C for 3 consecutive days. The following graph shows the soil temperatures at Trangie Agricultural Research Centre at 9am at a depth of 10cm. This graph is an excellent guide to soil temperatures in the Macquarie but it is important to monitor your own soil as temperatures can be influenced by local factors such as moisture level, groundcover and climatic differences across the valley.



Chemcert Accreditation

An opportunity exists for Cotton Australia to run a Chemcert Accreditation course in the Macquarie Valley on the 1st and 2nd of November provided there are enough participants. The location of the course is negotiable, depending on where the majority of attendees are from. Chemcert Australia is the national industry training standard for AgVet chemical risk management. This course is provided at cost to levy paying growers. For more information or to register your interest please contact Gus Macrae at Cotton Australia on 0407 956 586 or gusm@cotton.org.au.

Insect Resistance Management Strategy

The 2007/08 IRMS is now available. It can be downloaded from the Cotton CRC website www.cotton.crc.org.au or by contacting me. The cotton industry IRMS seeks to manage the risk of resistance in *Helicoverpa spp.*, aphids, mites and whitefly, both in conventional and Bollgard II® cotton. It 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.

Cotton Field to Fabric Training Course

Managing for quality through the production chain

This training course is designed to give participants an overview of the entire cotton pipeline from the farm to predicting fabric performance. It is recommended for people involved in any part of the cotton industry from growers to technologists and aims to give a better understanding of how segments of the industry operate and how each related to one another.

The course recently won the Cotton CRC 'Impact in Adoption' Award and comes highly recommended but places are limited due to the hands on nature **so get in early!** The next course will be held on the 27th-29th of November at the CSIRO Textile & Fibre Technology Centre, Belmont, Victoria and costs \$550 pp for the three days, including lunch each day and dinner on the Tuesday.

Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.csiro.au/resources/pfzt.html> or contact me and I can send one out. For more information please contact Rene van der Sluijs on 03 52 464738 or Rene.vandersluijs@csiro.au

Book Launch

'The Macquarie Marshes – an ecological history' Written by Gillian Hogendyk

Unveiling the truth about the Macquarie Marshes

Date: 26th September

Time: 11am buses depart from the Warren Golf Club

Venue: 'Burrima' at the Macquarie Marshes

Cost: \$15 including lunch

Guest speakers on the day include Don Burke, Australian Environment Foundation, Jennifer Mahorasy, Institute of Public Affairs and Prof. David Mitchell from Charles Sturt University.

For bookings or more information please contact Warren Secretarial Services on 02 68 473 244.

Farming Systems 2007-08: A Central West CMA Incentive Scheme

Farming Systems is an innovative training product that challenges conventional thought. The project is aimed at landholders who are keen to get involved in field days and workshops. The successful participants will be paid for their attendance and covered for travel expenses. The training will be held in different parts of the catchment and the development of a farm Natural Resource Plan by the participant during the training will be a key component of the project. These plans will be assessed at the end of the project and incentives may be available for participants to carry out sections of their plans.

For more information contact Colleen Farrow, CW CMA Catchment Officer, on 02 63 728906 or visit www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au