

Season Progress

Day degree for the period 5th Oct. to 21st Nov. 2007

Met site	07/08	06/07	Average DD	C/Shock 07/08
Benerembah	1542	1554	1350	21 (40.7)
Hay	1550	1506	1401	22 (37)
Hillston	1612	1594	1475	17(29.8)
Whitton	1535	1573	1347	20 (40.9)

As illustrated by the above DD figures the season is continuing to be a good one. Despite the occasional cooler days generally we have experienced ideal conditions with clear skies. Most crops in the area have excellent fruit retention which has been helped by the absence of extreme heat and shading due to continuous cloudy weather.

Southern NSW Cotton Crop Competition

There is still time to get your entry in for this year's annual cotton crop competition. If for some reason you have not yet received the entry form can you please notify me and I will get a form to you. One of the main benefits of entering this competition is the opportunity for feedback and comments from the competition judges.

Liberty Link Field day

Date- 22nd February, 2008

"Gundaline", Sturt Hwy (65km East of Hay)

Topics to include

- Growing Liberty link cotton including inputs and agronomics
- Technology and chemical application (timing etc)
- Varietal development and timelines

Defoliation Field Walk

Date- Early March to be confirmed

Topics to include

- Timing
- Application
- Plant physiology

Annual CGA Field day

Date- 12th March 2008

This year the annual Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Cotton Grower Association Field Day will be held at the Commins property at Whitton. There will be a flier outlining the agenda emailed soon.

Topics to include

- Water Efficiency
- Cotton Markets
- Spray Application
- News on the latest varieties

Spray Application Workshops supported by CRDC and GRDC

Delivered by Bill Gordon

Date- 13th March, 2008

Topics to include

- Issues identified by the group
- Trends with labels and new legal requirements to produce coarse spray qualities
- Understanding spray qualities and nozzle types
- Understanding the effect of weather conditions on potential losses
- Matching spray quality to targets
- Matching spray quality to products
- The effect of adjuvants and water quality
- Practical issues with selecting nozzles to match your setup and requirements
- Planning spray jobs