

Fantastic Couple of Weeks of GRDC Grains Research Updates

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Five GRDC Grains Research Updates were held in northern NSW and Southern Qld in the last two weeks of July. A total of 608 people attended over the five Updates, with attendees being happy with the days. Feedback from exit surveys averaged 4.2 out of 5 in overall satisfaction (where 1 = poor and 5 = excellent).

GRDC Grains Research Update coordinator, John Cameron said "The Rowena and Westmar Updates really fired, with exceptionally strong attendance in drought affected western areas. For me, these two Updates ranked amongst the most successful we have ever run."

"My 'off the top' key topics where I felt the growers and agro's really responded to included Kevin Moore from NSW DPI on ascochyta management, and Melina Miles from DAF Queensland on Rutherglen Bug. Then there were a series of presenters on new technologies from Tim Neal and Neil Huth at Westmar, who discussed technology to manage melon holes, to Ben White discussing header fires, and Craig Baille looking at autonomous tractors."

"The key was good agenda topics selected by local growers and advisers to meet the needs of the local area."



Dates for the two day updates at the beginning of 2018 have been set they will be held on the following dates;

Wagga Wagga 13-14 February 2018

Dubbo, NSW 27-28 February 2018

Goondiwindi 6-7 March 2018

More information from the latest round and for future updates can be found at: <http://www.icanrural.com.au/updates.html>



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