



Central West Farming Systems

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED July 2005

Sowing Update!!!

Currently we are finding ourselves in the same situation as many farmers in central western NSW. Continual follow-up rain is hampering our ability to finish sowing our trials and crops. 3 of the 10 Regional Sites have not finished sowing their trials, Alectown, Gunning Gap and Wirrinya, whilst the continuous cropping system, on the core site, is all sown.

We are noticing with the core site trial this year that we have been able to get onto the continuous cropping system long before the conventional and reduced tillage systems, which are still too moist to sow. We have heard similar stories coming from farmers around the district. Is this something you have noticed in your own farming system?

Latest on stripe rust

The Senior Research Scientist, Associate Professor Dr Colin Wellings, from the Plant Breeding Institute has provided an update on stripe rust. This update has revealed that a sample of stripe rust has been received from a paddock of Wylah in Grenfell, whilst a suspected stripe rust sample has been found at a trial site in Cowra.

Dr Colin Wellings notes that well established crops should be monitored, whilst crops planted late in the east may come under pressure in late winter – early spring, depending on the rusts development. Given the current situation, however, it is too difficult to predict an epidemic development.

Look out for stripe rust, it appears as yellow pustules generally arranged in stripes along the upper leaf surface. If you notice these yellow pustules in your crop please contact your local agronomist for management and fungicide advice.

Photo: Stripe rust on wheat leaf



GRDC Grower Update

GRDC are currently planning to run a Grower Update in Condobolin on the 16th August 2005. As soon as we have more information we will let you know.

Workplace Safety Summit

The Carr Government is holding a NSW Workplace Safety Summit on August 25th and 26th, in Orange. At this summit the State Government will be addressing the issues of workplace safety for NSW farmers. If you want your opinion on workplace safety to be heard please go along to the summit.

Climate Risk Management Seminar

A Climate Risk Management Seminar is to be held on the 27th July 2005, in Wagga Wagga. The seminars agenda includes:

- (1) How is climate really going to affect agriculture
- (2) How is climate variability affecting southern NSW?
- (3) What makes a seasonal forecast valuable and
- (4) Climate risk management tools.

For further information please see the attached information or contact FarmLink on (02) 6924 4633.

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Useful Trees and Shrubs for Central West NSW

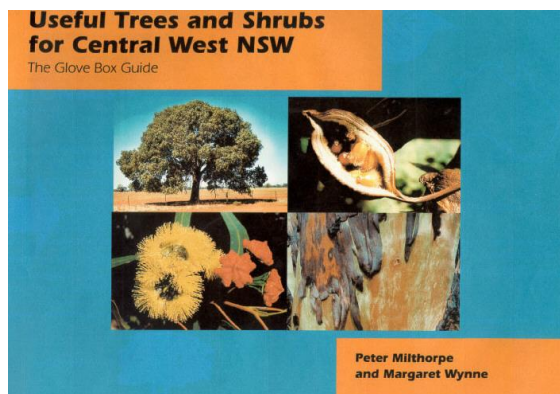
Peter Milthorpe and Margaret Wynne, NSW DPI Condobolin, have put together this book, which is in the form of the popular Glove Box Guides. It is compact, has strong, glossy paper and has beautiful colour photographs so that you can see the tree, leaves, flowers, buds and fruits for help with identification. The book contains 75 trees and shrubs, which are suitable to this environment.

CWFS, along with NSW DPI, have been given the opportunity to sell this book. CWFS are offering the book at a cost of

\$28 + \$3 postage and handling.

If you would like to order a copy of this book please contact:

Daryl Reardon on 02 6895 1007.



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Dates for the Diary

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| Nyngan Ag Expo | 6 th August |
| GRDC Grower Updates - Condobolin | 16 th August |
| Ag-Quip | 23 rd to 25 th August |
| Henty Machinery Field Days | 20 th to 22 nd September |
| Australian National Field Days - Orange | 18 th to 20 th October |

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