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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED December 2005

Farewell & Goodluck

It may come as a surprise to you all that I have resigned from CWFS as their Regional Site Coordinator, with the 30th December my last day. I have really enjoyed my time working with this organisation, the executive committee and with the staff of not only CWFS but also the Department of Primary Industries, particularly at Condobolin.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the diverse range of motivated farmers and agribusinesses, which have the best interest of the farming industry and community in their hearts and have put so much time into the CWFS regional sites, either as committee members or attendees at field days or workshops. I hope that in my position I have been able to help you in some way to research the appropriate tools needed to address topical issues associated with your farming systems. I look forward to productive and profitable times for agriculture in the future and I wish you and your families all the success in the world to continue being the great farmers that you are.

I will be leaving CWFS, but I will not be leaving the agricultural industry. I have accepted a job as the Sales Manager with AgPlus, GrainCorp, in my home town of Tottenham. I look forward to the opportunities associated with my new position, but at the same time I will miss the experiences I have had with CWFS in the past.

Cheers ☺

Sharon Taylor

Airport Demonstrations

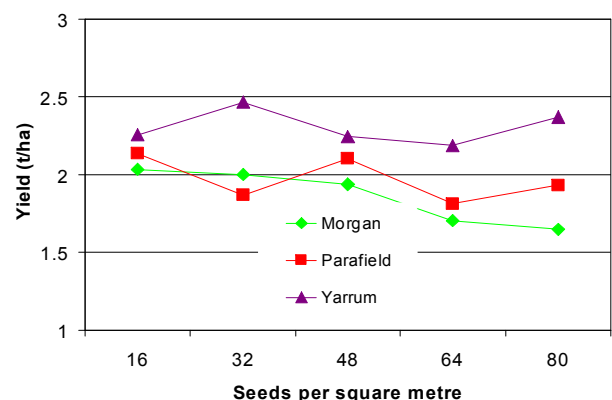
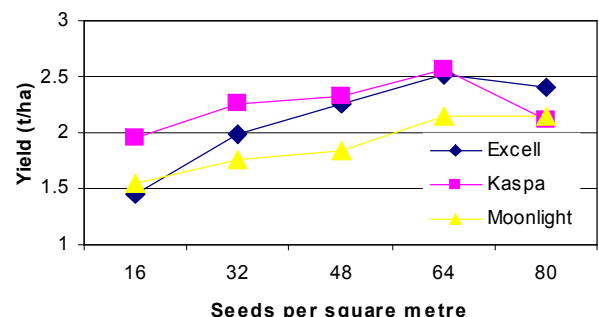
On the 7th December we harvested the demos that CWFS had on the Airport block, which were sown on the 7th August. As these were demos we can't analyse the results statistically, but we can provide you with the yield and grain quality results. The grain quality results will not be available until after Christmas, however we have the yield results, for your interest:

Yield (t/ha)	10 inches	20 inches	30 inches
Drysdale wheat	0.92	1.28	1.12
Parafield field peas	0.57	0.51	0.48

Field pea variety and seeding rate trial

Just for your interest I have included a yield graph of the results from the Tottenham Field pea variety and seeding rate trial.

The effect of seeding rates on field pea yields



Important Dates for 2006

GPS Workshop by Silverfox and FarmScan Australia

Monday 6 th March	Parkes
Tuesday 7 th March	Tottenham
Wednesday 8 th March	Griffith
Thursday 9 th March	West Wyalong

GRDC Farmer Update & CWFS AGM

Wednesday 15th March 2006 Condobolin

Sharon

Dear CWFS Member

The staff and executive committee would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

We look forward to seeing you next year at our pre-season meetings, seminars, workshop and field days. Until then take care and enjoy the festive season.

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Native Vegetation Regulations

The new *Native Vegetation Act 2003* was implemented on the 1st December 2005. It delivers (1) the Government's commitment to end broadscale clearing, to protect the health of our land, rivers and wildlife, (2) investment security and increased flexibility for farmers, (3) \$436 million over four years from the NSW and Australian Governments which will go direct to farmers and other local groups to repair damaged rivers and restore over cleared landscapes, and, (4) it gives new powers to local Catchment Management Authorities to make decisions in the best interests of the community.

The new system is based on voluntary agreements between landholders and Catchment Management Authorities called Property Vegetation Plans. The new system will fundamentally change the way we manage native vegetation across NSW.

To find out more information about the Native Vegetation Regulations please contact them on:

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