



## Darling Downs crop check

DATE - 12 February 2021 (CC5)

Seasonal Information based on 10<sup>th</sup> October planting date (Source: Cotton Seed Distributors)

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Date range: 10 October, 2020 to 12 February, 2021 (126 days).

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Summary Seasonal comparison

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	10 year mean
Base 12	1585.1	1736.7	1569.9 🕶	1502.3 ▼	1670.5 📤	1569.4 🕶
DD1532*	1022.0	1083.6	1017.7 ▼	954.0 ▼	1040.3 📥	1005.4 ▼
Cold shock days (≤ 11°C)	9	13 📥	4 🕶	10 📥	14 📥	8.4 🕶
Days above 36°C	20	42 📥	20	14 ▼	32 📤	19.5 ▼
Nights above 25°C	0	0	0	1.	2 📥	0.4 📥
Days above 40°C	4	3 ▼ ON SE	ED DISTO	2 🕶	3 ▼	1.9 ▼
Total rainfall (mm)	228.8	252.0 📤	295.0 📤	278.1 📤	200.8 🕶	207.3
Total radiation (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	2686.5	2981.1	2885.1 📤	2934.7	2985.3 📤	2622.0 🕶
Average temperature (°C)	24.5	25.6 📥	24.4 🕶	23.8 🕶	25.0 📥	24.3 🕶

<sup>\*</sup> Experimental calculation.

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Climate observations and data are obtained via the State of Queensland SILD patched point dataset.











AREA	Darling Downs			
Crop Stage	<ul><li>5 nodes- cutout</li><li>Peak flowering</li><li>defoliation</li></ul>			
Weather	<ul> <li>La Nina has not delivered. Rain early was helpful but then the tap turned off</li> <li>Not the best (couldn't print this word!!!)</li> <li>Beautiful growing conditions if you have the water</li> </ul>			
Insects/Beneficial	<ul> <li>Mirids moving in again</li> <li>Heliothis egg lays in areas</li> <li>Aphids, mealybugs, whitefly</li> <li>Veg bugs, cotton stainers, brown stink bugs</li> <li>Reasonable numbers of beneficials</li> <li>Using control tactics for whitefly in paddocks with higher nymph numbers</li> </ul>			
Weeds	<ul> <li>Increasing patches of very tolerate Barnyard grass</li> <li>Only in irrigated blocks. Roundup doing its job</li> <li>Good patches of FTRG</li> <li>Under control</li> </ul>			
Disease	<ul><li>Fusarium and Vert.</li><li>Moderate levels in paddocks with history</li></ul>			
Comments	<ul><li>Mice, Mice ,Mice</li><li>Seeing a fair bit of parrot beaking</li></ul>			

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