



# Darling Downs crop check

**DATE** – Early January 2024 CC4

AREA	Darling Downs
<b>Crop Stage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18-19 nodes</li> <li>• 11-19 nodes</li> <li>• 4-12 nodes</li> </ul>
<b>Irrigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watering has started last week</li> <li>• Laterals are working hard to keep up</li> <li>• Going well</li> <li>• Most fields have had at least one</li> </ul>
<b>Insects/Beneficial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenty of red and blue beetles, lady beetles and spiders</li> <li>• Quiet on this front</li> <li>• Few mirids, odd GVB</li> <li>• Beneficial numbers are low</li> </ul>
<b>Weeds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bladder ketmia, vines, polymerica and sesbania</li> <li>• Red pigweed</li> <li>• FTRG</li> <li>• Barnyard grass</li> </ul>
<b>Disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal</li> <li>• Fusarium increasing</li> <li>• limited</li> </ul>



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## Comments

- some hail with the rain over Xmas
- plants have good retention even with mixed weather
- pix has been applied to some fields where it was fertilized before rain
- dryland looking for a drink. Some crops list to hail storm
- rain patchy
- some crops looking to be heading for early cutout
- petiole testing underway, crops holding retention nicely

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Date range: 10 October, 2023 to 8 January, 2024 (91 days).

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Summary Seasonal comparison

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	10 year mean
Base 12	1125.6	871.0 ▼	1011.6 ▼	1140.6 ▲	1223.6 ▲	1076.4 ▼
DD1532*	714.7	493.4 ▼	657.1 ▼	720.4 ▲	729.4 ▲	673.6 ▼
Cold shock day ( $\leq 11^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	11	23 ▲	8 ▼	9 ▼	13 ▲	10.1 ▼
Days above 36°C	15	3 ▼	1 ▼	19 ▲	35 ▲	12.1 ▼
Nights above 25°C	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Days above 40°C	0	0	0	4 ▲	3 ▲	0.9 ▲
Total rainfall (mm)	199.6	118.5 ▼	413.0 ▲	161.6 ▼	19.6 ▼	190.0 ▼
Total radiation (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	2266.1	2175.4 ▼	2112.2 ▼	2124.3 ▼	2504.4 ▲	2230.6 ▼
Average temperature (°C)	24.2	21.2 ▼	23.0 ▼	24.4 ▲	25.2 ▲	23.6 ▼

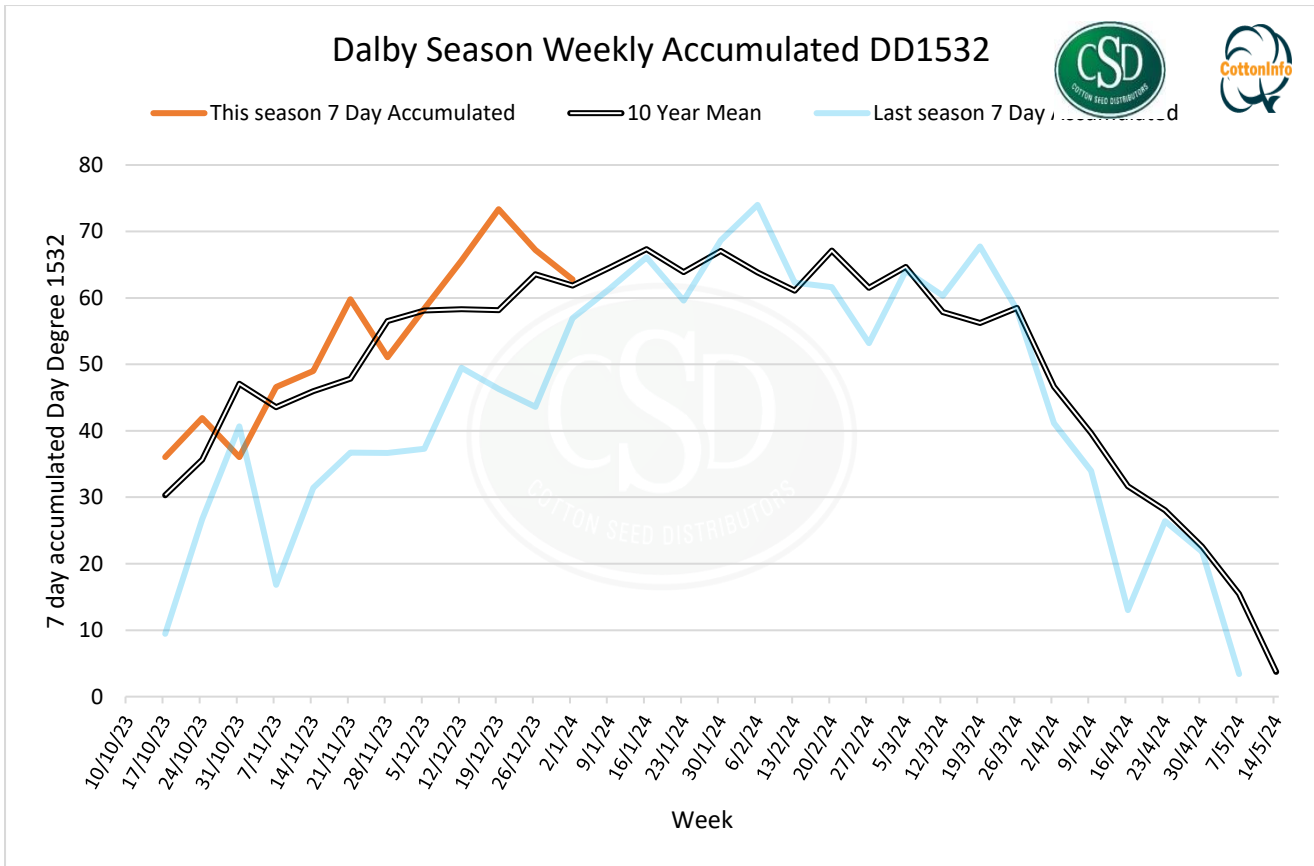
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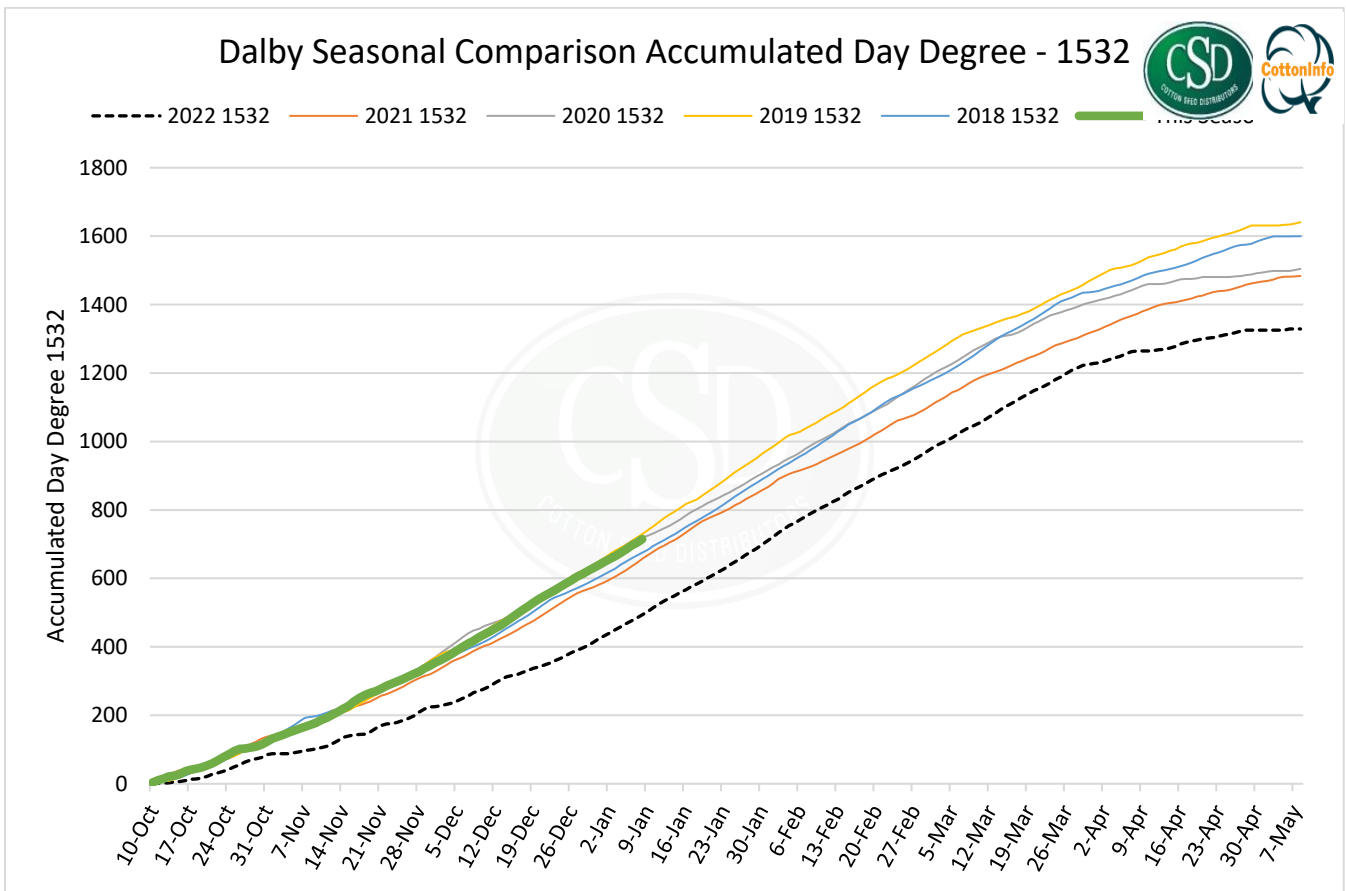




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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	10 year mean
Base 12	1072.2	829.0 ▼	953.5 ▼	1075.5 ▲	1172.6 ▲	1028.3 ▼
DD1532*	676.8	457.3 ▼	604.3 ▼	674.3 ▼	703.8 ▲	639.8 ▼
Cold shock day ( $\leq 11^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	8	29 ▲	9 ▲	8	16 ▲	10.6 ▲
Days above 36°C	13	1 ▼	0 ▼	12 ▼	29 ▲	9.5 ▼
Nights above 25°C	0	0	0	0	0	0.1 ▲
Days above 40°C	0	0	0	1 ▲	1 ▲	0.3 ▲
Total rainfall (mm)	141.2	200.0 ▲	448.8 ▲	174.4 ▲	32.2 ▼	207.3 ▲
Total radiation (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	2229.0	2180.7 ▼	2051.8 ▼	2115.8 ▼	2507.9 ▲	2222.0 ▼
Average temperature (°C)	23.6	20.7 ▼	22.3 ▼	23.7 ▲	24.6 ▲	23.1 ▼

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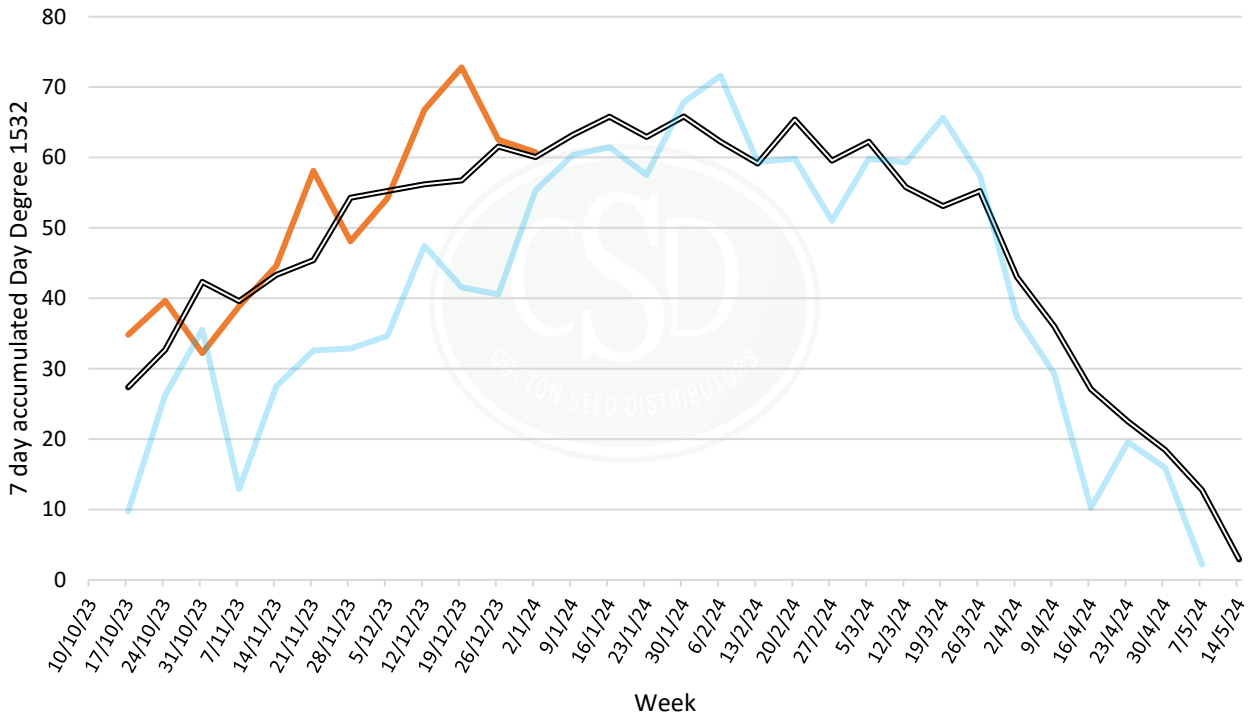


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### Brookstead Season Weekly Accumulated DD1532



— This season 7 Day Accumulated    — 10 Year Mean    — Last season 7 Day Accumulated



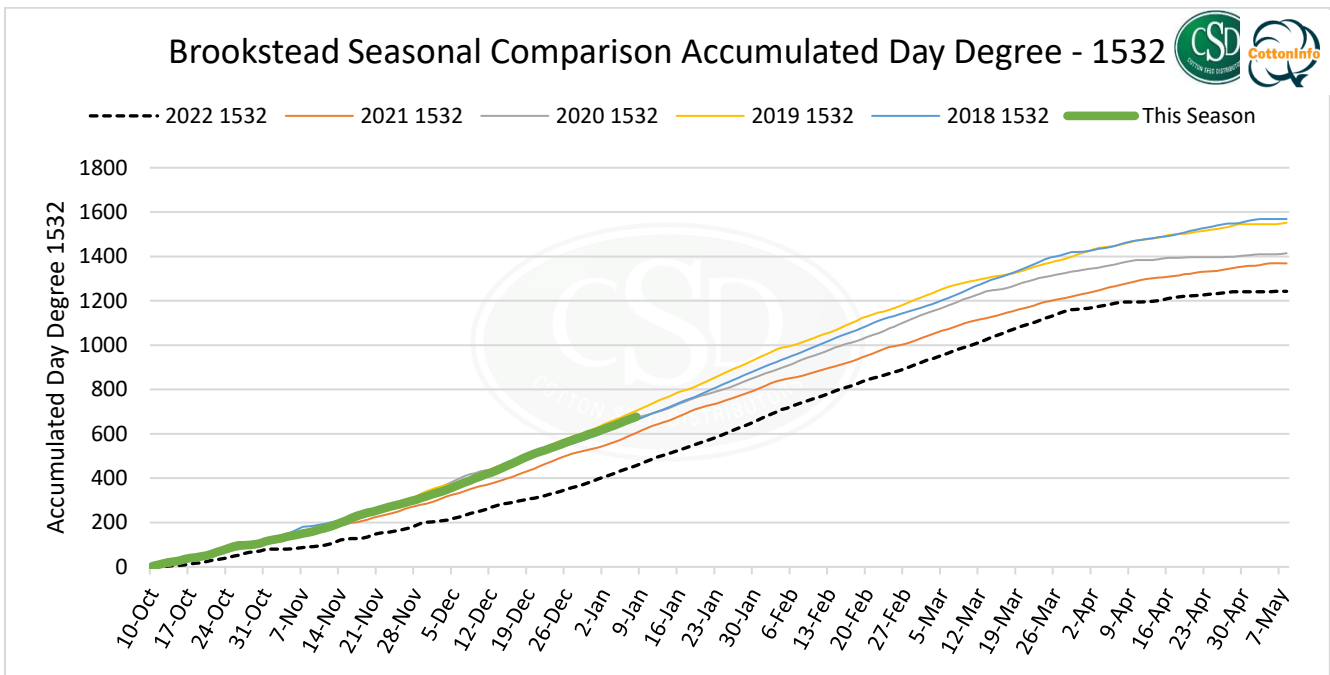




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