



the cotton wrap

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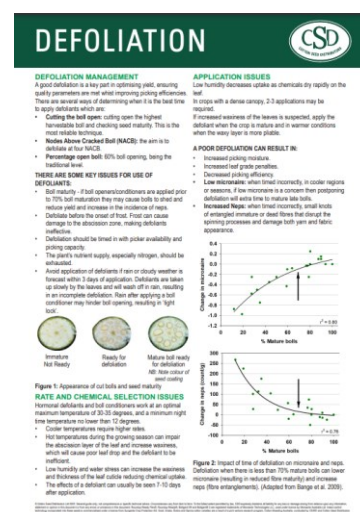
What's been happening?

2023 is flying by! After a wet start to the year, the weather eased up for a bit and the sun came out. Many growers were noted saying *"I actually got stuff done"*, *"I have caught up!"*. Whilst it certainly gave a chance for the mud to dry out, things got a little too dry there for a while. Irrigating was well into a rotation and dryland crops were starting to struggle. However, the heat and sunshine made for excellent cotton growth. Given the late start to the season for many, crops seemed to 'catch up' closer to where they would/should usually be. Whilst first defoliation passes are still to come for many in the valley, there are pickers hitting the fields and crops coming off already.

Defoliation Messaging!

Speaking of defoliation, have you seen the latest fact sheets around harvest aids? CottonInfo released a defoliation booklet with eChem, and Cotton Seed Distributors have shared a fact sheet regarding successful end of season crop management.

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R.M. Williams OUTBack Magazine Feature

The April/May edition of R.M. Williams **OUTBack** Magazine contains a major feature on Australia's world-leading cotton industry, and the grower supported research that drives it.

"Australia has the most efficient cotton industry in the world, and it's spreading its branches into exciting new territory."

For more, visit [R.M. Williams OUTBack Magazine](#).



CSD Update

In February, Cotton Seed Distributors celebrated long serving staff at their annual company conference. Six employees from CSD and CottonInfo received **"Years of Service Awards"** to celebrate their continued service and commitment to the company.

Read more about the: <https://csd.net.au/news/63-csd-celebrates-long-serving-staff>



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Upper Namoi Cotton Grower of the Year Field Day

To celebrate David & Jillian Tudgey, recipients of the Cotton Grower of the Year award, the Upper Namoi Cotton Growers Association hosted a field day on the Breeza Plain.



Chairman of the CGA Scott McCalman began by welcoming everyone to the event. David and his agronomist Les Coleman (Outlook Ag), gave insights about management decisions on the winning crop as well as some of the challenges experienced this season.

Other key speakers included Warren Conaty and Shiming Liu (CSIRO Cotton Breeding), Graham Charles, Malem McLeod and Sarah Dadd (NSW DPI), Adam Kay and Alec Macintosh (Cotton Australia), David Ward (GoannaAg), Jack Sharp (Bayer) and Bob Ford (CSD).

We had an excellent roll up of growers and consultants and wrapped up the event with a steak sandwich. On behalf of the UNCGA, thank you to all who attended and supported the event. Some photos below.



Scott McCalman, UNCGA Chairman



Warren Conaty, CSIRO

CRDC News

Circular Cotton Farming Project

Cotton industry makes important next step in diverting textile waste from landfill.

Following on from the introduction of this project, phase 2 trials are underway this season with two cotton farmers in NSW and Queensland taking part. Gunnedah cotton grower, Scott Morgan has joined the project and is excited to be contributing. Read about the project [here](#). Further updates can be found on the Cotton Australia [website](#).



Wishing you all the best heading into picking!

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