



the **cq cotton call**

March 2023

Welcome to the March Edition

What's been happening?

We are off and away with picking for 2023! It's great to see we had some excellent weather conditions to get pickers into the paddock over the past couple of weeks before this last change came through which has put some on hold. Due to low retention in Mid-late January from cool, overcast, and wet conditions growers are growing crops for longer to improve yields meaning this season we will see more picking towards May and June as CQ will have approximately 70% long season cotton .

The Callide Dawson CGA hosted their Sticky Beak Tour a couple of weeks ago, visiting 2 dryland cotton farms. There was great discussion in the paddocks with new and current growers, around how the season has been and what different programs were used on each farm. Both farms will see some great yields and a big thank you to Raymond and Josh for showing us around the farms. Let's hope for a successful pick for both farms.

More things are in the pipeline moving forward, with CSD research farm visits starting Monday the 20th of March. They will be visiting farms across Emerald, Moura, Theodore, and Biloela. Keep a look out for times and places and be sure to get along as it will be great in field discussions and interactions with Mike Bange, Sam Lee, Chris Teague, and Stew Brotherton.

The Central Highlands CGA had organised a fabulous afternoon and had some great numbers for their 'Teach the Teacher' program last Friday but unfortunately the weather changed that, and they have postponed the event for some time in early Term 2. The Callide Dawson will also be looking at hosting their 'Teach the Teacher' day sometime throughout Term 2 as well. So, keep on the lookout for those dates as the more the merrier that come along to these events.

There will be some XtendFlex field walks at the trial sites in the coming months as well so keep an eye out for those. As always, you know my number, give me a call if there is anything else you feel we should be doing or doing differently, I'm always open to suggestions and ideas.



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Biloela – Wilkie Family Farm, Dryland Single-Skip



Banana Station – Dryland Double-Skip





CQ crop check

AREA	Central Queensland
Crop Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops ranging from 20 nodes to 28 nodes, first defoliation, second defoliation and picking. • Some long season cotton still flowering and others cutting out.
Irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slowed off a little since the latest rain but will be kicking back in for some and others the last irrigations for some crops.
Insects/Beneficial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older crops, some small hot spots of aphids starting to produce honeydew, broad mites, and mice. • odd mirid activity, broad mites building.
Weeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate level • Ground cherry, Sesbania, pigweed • Fleabane, parthenium • Feather top Rhodes grass • Summer grass, vine
Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senescence • Sudden Wilt • Read more on Wilt in cotton here: Be wilt aware.pdf (cottoninfo.com.au) • Alternaria leaf spot – active since the last weather event • Boll Rot
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some around 22 node crops have experienced some shedding due to its stage of boll set and fill. Had been a bit moisture stressed before the recent rain. Should be okay and recover. • Very humid conditions and high UV occurring with storm activity. • This is the wettest and most humid season in a while with heavy dews in the morning also continuing.

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Information and Topics

There has been some really great information coming out of the CottonInfo E-Newsletters. If you missed them, I have attached a link to them below. If you haven't been receiving them, be sure to subscribe to receive all the up-to-date info coming out during the season. [CottonInfo \(list-manage.com\)](http://CottonInfo(list-manage.com))

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Awards now open for the 2023 Australian cotton industry.

The Australian cotton industry has launched its annual awards program at the field day hosted by the 2022 Bayer Grower of the Year, Sundown Pastoral Co's "Keytah" near Moree in New South Wales. With a record year for cotton in 2022 and predictions of another significant crop in 2023, the Australian cotton industry is calling for growers to nominate themselves, or other growers who are doing a great job. Read more: [Cotton Australia | Awards now open for the 2023 Australian cotton industry](#)



CSD celebrates long serving staff

Cotton Seed Distributors came together in February for their annual company conference. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the "Years of Service Awards" to six employees on Monday evening. The awards celebrate the service and commitment staff members have made to the company. Read more: [CSD | News and Media | CSD celebrates long serving staff](#)



CRDC and GRDC boards meet to discuss collaboration

Australia's cotton growers are generally also grain growers - so we work closely with our sister research and development (R&D) corporation, the Grains Research and Development Corporation to deliver impactful R&D. Read more: [CRDC and GRDC boards meet to discuss collaboration | CRDC](#)

Hot off the press: Autumn edition of CRDC's Spotlight

The Autumn 2023 edition of CRDC's *Spotlight* magazine is now out!

In this edition, we look at the rollout of the WAND spray hazard warning system, plus new research into helping prevent human rights abuses in our supply chain, and the development of CRDC's new Strategic RD&E Plan. Read more: [Hot off the press: Autumn edition of CRDC's Spotlight | CRDC](#)

Kind Regards
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