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MEDIA RELEASE

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GET UP TO DATE FOR THE GROWING SEASON

Grain growers will have the opportunity to hear the latest agronomy, crop trial management, and market information in preparation for the forthcoming growing season at a free seminar in Clare on Wednesday, March 14.

The Hart Field-Site Group's successful Getting The Crop In seminar is on again at The Valleys Lifestyle Centre, Clare, and thanks to sponsorship from Rabobank, farmers can attend the seminar free of charge, kicking off with a hearty breakfast at 8am.

Keynote speaker for this year's event is Wimmera farmer David Jochinke. Living at Murra Warra – meaning *Place With No Water* – 30 kilometres north of Horsham, Mr Jochinke has extensive experience in dryland farming on his 2000 hectare property.

As immediate past Victorian Farmers Federation treasurer, a Nuffield Scholar and Australian Rural Leadership Foundation participant, he is also well placed to give an insight into his perspective of where Australia fits into global agriculture in the mid and long term.

Canola is generating significant interest this season given its current gross margins, and Struan-based SARDI senior research officer Trent Potter will give an update on varieties and agronomy.

He will speak about black leg disease in canola and the work being done to minimise the disease as well as potential new fungicides being released this year.

Rabobank's Dean Smith and Campbell Keene will speak about the global commodity outlook and its implication on grain prices in Australia. There will also be information on the Hart Trials, business management courses and cereal variety updates and harvest quality results.

The Getting The Crop In seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at The Valleys Lifestyle Centre, Clare. The free event begins with breakfast from 8am-8.40am and runs through until 1pm. Morning tea is also supplied.

Please RSVP by March 7 to Sandy Kimber on 0427 423 154 or email admin@hartfieldsite.org.au or for more information take a look at the Hart Field Site Group website www.hartfieldsite.org.au

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