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Seeding seminar to help with Getting The Crop In for 2017

It may feel like harvest has only just wrapped up, and in what was a drawn out season for many it has, but seeding 2017 is just around the corner and the Hart Field-Site Group is set to bring you a truckload of information to help with some of the decision making that comes with it.

The *Getting The Crop In* seminar will be held in Clare on Thursday, 23 March, and everyone is welcome to the free event.

Some of the lessons from 2016 will be put on the table, with the Hart Trials Results to be launched and discussed, including findings from wheat time of sowing and soil nutrient trials.

Local farm consultant Mick Faulkner will speak about Frost and Farming.

Key note farmer speaker will be Yeelanna farmer Randall Wilksch who will give an insight into his family farm business including how they have fitted controlled traffic into their operations, investment into precision farming and what he has learned through his Nuffield scholarship about encouraging women into a career on the farm.

For the first time this year, a panel of three farmers will feature in a Q & A style session that will enable discussion and questions from the floor.

Lessons learned from 2016 and how programs for 2017 have changed as a result will be a focus.

Chris Heinjus from Rural Directions will present on market and commodity information.

This year the Getting the Crop In seminar will kick off at 8am with a light breakfast (no need to RSVP for breakfast this year).

Following the Getting the Crop In seminar will be the GRDC's Farm Business Update at the same venue. Separate registration is required for this event (www.orm.com.au or 03 5441 6176).

Sponsored by Rabobank Clare, the Hart Field-Site Group's Getting The Crop In seminar will be held at The Vines Christian Church, Stradbroke Road, Clare (northern end of the racecourse) 8am-12.30pm, on 23 March.

For more information and to register for this event, see the Hart Field-Site Group website www.hartfieldsite.org.au

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