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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HART FIELD DAY BLOOMS IN BUMPER SEASON**

Trials were on show at their full potential at last week's 31<sup>st</sup> annual Hart Field Day in what looks set to be a bumper grain growing season.

About 500 farmers and industry personnel from all cropping areas of South Australia, as well as groups from Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and international PhD students from the University of Adelaide attended the agronomy field day.

More than 30 industry professionals presented 22 rolling sessions throughout the field day on a range of topics including agronomy, variety, disease, weeds, and seeding.

Near perfect weather conditions greeted those rolling into the trial site, which had received 8mm of rain the previous day.

The lunchtime keynote speaker was former State Premier, Primary Producers SA (PPSA) chairman Rob Kerin who spoke about global marketing opportunities, the aims and structure of the PPSA and alliances with Natural Resources Management and PIRSA.

Hart Field-Site Group chairman Justin Wundke said he was thrilled with the success of the event and feedback from growers was that they were anticipating an above average season.

"Hart was showcasing this year how to capitalise on a strong agronomic season, showing the potential of cropping in a high winter rainfall season," he said.

"People at the field day were very happy and optimistic, and I think with one or two more good rains we could say we've got this season in the bag and growers are looking towards a successful and hopefully smooth harvest."

Mr Wundke said the Hart Field-Site Group was grateful for the ongoing support of farmers, industry and community groups, making the Hart Field Day one of Australia's premier agronomy field days.

"We're very fortunate to have a loyal following of people coming, if not every year then every second year," he said.

"Even if farmers can't be here one year their advisors come along and take the information back to their clients.

"It is a real community effort to make this event a success and I'm extremely grateful to the committee and the wider community and volunteers who help with catering and making the event run smoothly."

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