



Friday, 20 February, 2015

International speaker to headline cropping seminar in Clare

The *Getting the Crop In* seminar will help kick-start the 2015 cropping season, with international and South Australian experts providing the latest trends in market, grain variety and agronomy as well as first-hand accounts into their own farming operations.

The Hart Field-Site Group will host the seminar on Wednesday, 11 March, in Clare, 8am-12.30pm, starting with a free gourmet breakfast sponsored by Rabobank.

Speakers will include Rabobank AgriFinance and International Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory senior vice president Sterling Liddell from the USA speaking on the impact of changes in American agriculture on Australian growers.

Keynote farmer speaker for the event will be Eyre Peninsula farmer and Nuffield Scholar Mark Modra giving a first-hand insight into his own farming operations as well as his observations as a member of the *Rabobank Global Farmers Masterclass* in 2014.

How the wheat variety Mace performed in 2014 will be of particular interest to farmers when SARDI new variety evaluation senior scientist Rob Wheeler gives a comprehensive rundown on all last season's cereal variety performances - from seeding through to harvest.

Hart Field-Site Group research and extension manager Sarah Noack will present the key findings and updates on the 2014 Hart Trials, including the official release of the 2014 Hart Trials Results book.

Participants will be given a further marketing perspective when AvantAgri Australia and Bartholomaeus Consulting principal Malcolm Bartholomaeus speaks about 'What the market is telling us to sow'.

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).

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, 11 March.

Registrations for the seminar close on 6 March, 2015. For more information and to register for this event, see the Hart Field-Site Group website www.hartfieldsite.org.au

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