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## Get ready for Getting The Crop In 2018

It is hard to believe the sowing and growing season is almost here again, but the Hart Field-Site Group is presenting its annual Getting The Crop In seminar on Wednesday, March 14, to help growers prepare for the year ahead.

A free event sponsored by Rabobank Clare, Getting The Crop In brings together some of the country's leading agronomy and marketing specialists, providing direct access to information and an opportunity to ask questions and get some answers pre-seeding.

Bordertown farmer Ben Hunt – aka @funky\_farmer if you are a Twitter follower – will be the key-note farmer speaker.

He will give an insight into his integrated approach to cropping and livestock, including long-season canola, durum growing, spreading the risk and how he is putting as much effort into sheep and pastures as he is into cropping.

The popular Q&A farmer panel will return in 2018 with three growers, including Ben, sharing strategies and how they prepare to kick off the 2018 season.

Rabobank Agribusiness Risk & Treasury Management associate director Sam Chambers will give an insight into current market dynamics and price risk management.

Cereal variety updates will be covered by Hart Field-Site Group's outgoing regional intern Dylan Bruce who will speak about what we are learning about winter wheats and early sowing opportunities.

And are we 'barley' scratching the surface of new variety potential? SARDI research scientist Kenton Porker will give a run down on what he knows about new barley varieties.

The seminar is an excellent opportunity to ask questions directly to the experts in the field, hear the latest agronomy, market and variety information and catch up with farmers from across the region.

The Hart Trials Results book will also be launched.

Getting The Crop In kicks off with breakfast from 8am, sessions starting at 8.30am through until 12.15pm at The Vines Christian Church, Stradbroke Road, Clare (northern end of the racecourse).

Coinciding with the event, the GRDC will host its Grain Business Update at the same location in the afternoon, with lunch from 12.15pm and the first session from 1pm.

**For more information and to register for Getting The Crop In, see the Hart Field-Site Group website [www.hartfieldsite.org.au](http://www.hartfieldsite.org.au)**

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