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## Time to think about Getting The Crop In

The 2019 cropping season is almost here and the Hart Field-Site Group is again presenting its free Getting The Crop In seminar on Wednesday, March 13, to help farmers prepare.

Hart chairman and Spalding farmer Damien Sommerville says this year's event will be particularly relevant coming off the back of a dry year, with many farmers potentially facing new or different challenges.

"Coming out of a dry season we've got so many different things to consider," he said.

"Issues like less cover in some paddocks, potential herbicide residues, and some might be wondering how the trials at the Hart Field-Site went in a dry year and how that latest research fits into a dry finish to prepare for similar years.

"It's also a great chance to see where the international markets are heading and given we've had record prices this year to find out how long that might remain the case and what might trigger a change in prices."

Rabobank senior analyst grains and oilseeds Cheryl Kalisch Gordon will give an overview of market trends.

And with weather always a 'hot' topic, seasonal risk agronomist Dale Grey from Agriculture Victoria will present via video link on the autumn-winter climate outlook for SA.

Dale is the author of the Fast Break newsletter and well-known for his comical performances in The Very Fast Break YouTube clips.

He will put his spin on presenting current climate activity, the SA soil moisture probe network and model predictions for rainfall and temperature in the next few months.

Yorke Peninsula farmer Ben Wundersitz will give an insider's view of his and wife Belinda's farm, Anna Binna.

The property's cropping program has grown significantly over 20 years and Ben will give an insight into how that has been possible, the impact of introducing lentils into areas previously thought impossible, and how benchmarking has provided some powerful data for growing the business.

The Hart 2018 Trials Results book will also be launched, and Hart research and extension manager Sarah Noack will present the key trial results across a range of varieties, agronomy and paddock surveys.

Also, the challenges of soil residual herbicides is particularly relevant this season and David Keetch from Nufarm and independent agronomist Craig Davis will speak on the topic.

The seminar, sponsored by Rabobank, 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.

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

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

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