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Ready, set, sow, it's time for Getting The Crop In

As preparations ramp up for the 2026 season, Hart Field-Site Group's annual Getting The Crop In seminar is back.

The free event in Clare on Wednesday, March 11, connects growers with industry experts across agronomy, finance, and grain markets, delivering timely insights ahead of sowing.

Hart chair, Snowtown farmer, Glen Wilkinson said the team had been working hard to plan a comprehensive and varied program for this year's event.

"We're coming off what's been a really mixed bag in terms of harvest yields across the regions," he said.

"With record-low rainfall in most parts of South Australia, events like Getting The Crop In are more important than ever.

"There's a strong social benefit in getting off the farm and catching up with like-minded people, but just as importantly, having access to timely, seasonally-relevant information is vital.

"We can't control the rainfall, so we have to keep moving forward. Farmers are constantly adapting, and having access to the latest research, market data and trial results helps us plan ahead and make informed decisions about the future of our farm businesses."

Glen (pictured below), said he was particularly excited to welcome Jamestown farmer Scott Clark to the program as they keynote grower speaker.



"I'm keen to hear about the Clark family's use of a disc seeding system, and how weather stations, moisture probes and variable rate mapping is impacting their decision-making, and some of the challenges they face in their farming systems," he said.

The program also features RaboResearch's Vitor Pistóia, who will share the marketing signals shaping the 2026 season.



Hart's own research lead Kaidy Morgan will be evaluating nitrogen strategies; presenting trial results and lessons learned from the 2025 season.

She will highlight nitrogen banking results, including a summary of the past four years of trials at Kybunga, as well as findings from nitrogen rate and variety trials.

Craig Davis from Crop Consulting Services and Dr Matthew Knowling from the University of Adelaide will delve into crop sequencing and the best performing systems.

Royce Pitchford from Pinion Advisory will help make things clearer with his session, Replace, repair or reinvest – making machinery decisions with confidence.

Peter Boutsalis from Plant Science Consulting is back with a herbicide resistance update, including results from a recent SA survey.

The free Getting the Crop In event will be held on Wednesday, March 11, from 8am to 12.30pm at Futures Church, Stradbroke Road, Clare (just north of the Clare racecourse).

A light breakfast and morning tea will be provided, thanks to the support of Agfert.

The SA Drought Hub will be running a free crop establishment forum immediately after Getting The Crop In, where a panel of industry experts will engage with the audience to reflect on the learnings of the past season and delve into the complexities of seeding in 2026.

Tickets available via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), or head to the Hart website for more information www.hartfieldsite.org.au

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