

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Annual Hart Field Day attracts big crowd

More than 600 farmers, researchers, industry representatives and students converged on the Hart field site on Tuesday, September 16, for the annual Hart Field Day.

Hart Field-Site Group chair, Snowtown farmer Glen 'Chip' Wilkinson (pictured below) said the event provided an excellent opportunity to see and hear about the latest agronomy trials, and gather with other like-minded people.



"The general attitude for the day was just fantastic," he said.

"After the season we had last year, I think people are keen to get off the farm and see what the rest of the state has got on offer, and they're very aware that they need the social interaction."

Glen acknowledged that while not all areas of South Australia had received rain, growers across most of the local area were "cautiously

optimistic" about the upcoming harvest.

"It could go anywhere from here this season, we're not out of the woods, but if it's going to turn out alright, we've got everything we need so far," he said.

"I've stated we still need 50-millimetres of rain, and I'll stick by that.

"But we'll certainly get a harvest this year, the headers will run for the better part of the Mid North or the Hart catchment area, that's nearly a given now.

"There's a lot of things going in our favour, as long as it stays cool and the weather keeps moving, it looks like we're going to be okay."

Visitors packed into 20 rolling sessions across the trial site, with researchers and industry experts sharing updates and answering questions, while static displays provided further insights.

Good weather for the event was a welcome relief after Monday's hot and windy set-up.



"To back it up with the full-day field day on Tuesday, I know it did take a lot out of people and we're just really grateful for their work," Glen said.

Growers won't have to wait long to have another look at the Hart trial site, with the Spring Twilight Walk scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 at 5pm.

"It's a great chance to see how the trials are faring about a month down the track – right on the dawn of harvest," Glen said.

For more information, take a look at the website [www.hartfieldsite.org.au](http://www.hartfieldsite.org.au)

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