



## Grains best practices cross the border

Southern Queensland and northern NSW grains growers will consider ways to boost the long-term profitability of their businesses when the highly successful Grains Best Management Practice (BMP) workshops come to Moree and Walgett.

Agroclim Australia director and principal scientist Dr Jeff Clewett said Agroclim has partnered with AgForce Queensland, NSW Industry and Investment, Fitzroy Basin Association Inc., the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation and the federal government to deliver a new Grains BMP module throughout the Northern Grains Region.

“Modern grain growers operate under constant pressure to boost productivity while protecting the environment, and the challenge of balancing sustainable practices, managing risks and maintaining a profitable, efficient business can often be difficult,” Dr Clewett said.

“To address this, the Grains BMP process assists broadacre grain growers to identify improved practices in farm layout and design, managing rainfall and climate risk, crop nutrition and pest management, which all aim to improve profitability of their enterprise in the long term.

“Previous Grains BMP workshops in Central Queensland attracted 186 grain growers who have lifted the management of their cropping enterprises using practices equal to or above minimum industry standards.

“This momentum will continue at workshops in Moree on Thursday 28 April and Walgett on Friday 29 April when opportunities and challenges in managing climate risks are considered. Four key areas will be covered:

- **Linking climate and crop performance:** What actions and priorities are needed to achieve sustainable and profitable grain production, and how do you make the most of climate and paddock information regards climate variability and climate change?
- **Risk management:** Benefits of the GRDC framework and the Australian Standards.
- **Management strategies:** What are the key practices needed to make the most of good, average and poor seasons and what are the right machinery selections, agronomy and genetics, layout, enterprise mix, off-farm investment and financial approach for your enterprise?
- **Management skills:** Balancing strategic and tactical needs within your enterprise.

“We invite all grains growers around Moree and Walgett to come along to find out more about boosting your business into the future.”

Grains BMP workshops will be held from 8.30am to 3.30pm at Moree Max Centre on Thursday 28 April and Walgett RSL on Friday 29 April. Workshops are provided free-of-charge and include morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

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