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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HART'S CHAIRMAN

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As you would all be well aware, this season is proving extremely challenging for countless farmers across South Australia.

Very low growing season rainfall coupled with above average temperatures has had a significant impact with many crops noticeably struggling.

We know some of you have already had to make some hard decisions about how to manage this.

The Hart site is not immune. Some trials have been particularly vulnerable to severe moisture stress. In some cases, planned treatments will not be applied, or crops will not be taken through to harvest. Some trials are faring much better.

The Hart Field Day is on next week (Tuesday, September 17), and is always well supported with hundreds of people coming from across the Mid-North, the broader cropping regions of SA, and even interstate.

We think this year might be a little different, as we know it's hard to get motivated to 'look at crops' in a season like this.

However, the Hart Field Day is more than that, and we wanted to share our top four reasons for joining us:

1. Most of the sessions on this year's Hart Field Day program will share research from more than one season and this information will be valuable as we look to 2025.
2. There are three sessions on the Hart Field Day program with a focus on managing a dry start so there will be valuable take home messages to help us manage challenging seasons into the future:
 - Session M - Crop establishment after a dry start
 - Session I - Pre-emergent herbicides; selection and application
 - Session A – Emergence & rainfall; getting back to basics
3. Other sessions will explain nitrogen efficiency fertilisers (Session B), help you navigate the carbon and net zero space (Session C), see what's on the horizon with our AgTech demos (Session T), managing crop decisions and legacies (Session N) and find out how a huge number of varieties and products are performing to date.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...



4. The people. It's so important to maintain our social connections and support one another during challenging times. Spending time with people who are experiencing the same thing and understand our situation is more valuable than we sometimes realise. You might even end up chatting to someone who has a fresh perspective, or a new idea that is helpful.

So, please talk to friends, neighbours, colleagues, industry reps and researchers while you're at the Hart Field Day.

We also have a BBQ and bar running after our final session – there are plenty of people who like to join us, and it's fine if the topic of farming is off the conversation list by then.



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The Hart Field Day will be held on September 17, 2024.

For more information and to purchase tickets, head to the Hart website:

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