

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Time to prepare for 'getting the crop in' 2025

Hart Field-Site Group's annual Getting the Crop In seminar is back for 2025.

The free event will be held on March 12 in Clare, and offers the opportunity to hear from industry experts across a range of fields - agronomy to finance, grain markets to chemical regulations.

Hart chair, Snowtown farmer, Glen Wilkinson (pictured below left with Hart vice-chair; Andre Sabeeney) says the seminar provides a valuable opportunity to catch up with other like-minded farmers, and ask the presenters questions specific to your own farm and situation.



On the back of a dry year, he says the event provides an excellent chance to re-set for the year ahead.

"It's been a tough season and it's really easy to bury your head in the sand about how you and your business are travelling," Glen says.

"The topics we have lined up are as seasonally-relevant as they've ever been, with some key take homes that potentially can change how you look at your business moving forward – especially if we're looking at another dry sowing."

The University of Adelaide's Glenn McDonald will give some new insights on rainfall and crop emergence – just how much rain do we need for crop germination?

He will share the results of some of his trials and speak of the effects of prolonged dry conditions on plant germination.

Paraquat is a hot topic, and Chris Preston (The University of Adelaide) and Craig Davis (Crop Consulting Services) will provide an update on what is happening globally, potential outcomes of the paraquat review and alternative herbicide options.

They will also give an update on SAGIT pulse desiccation trials.



A highlight of the Getting the Crop In program is the always-anticipated farmer keynote speaker and this year, Victorian farmer Jack Owen will share an insight into his farming operations.

Hear his story of a next-generation farmer finding his feet and looking to discover the secrets of farming success, and how that led to writing a book to share what he is learning along the way.

Richie Mould from Market Check will give an overview of the current grain market, the key drivers and outlook going forward.

Hart's outgoing research intern Miffy Purslow will present on novel seed treatment options for fusarium root rot in lentils and the results of a pot experiment at Waite in 2024.

This year's 'on the couch' panellists will be accountant Bec Court from Hood Sweeney, broker Deb Purvis of Purvis Agri Finance, and banker Ben Pitt from National Australia Bank.

The group will share their advice to help farm managers maintain solid relationships with their financial partners, provide some strategies and tools for managing challenging financial times, give some tips for understanding financials and entering into negotiation, and bust some myths to set the record straight on finance.

The free Getting the Crop In event will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 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 Precision Ag.

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

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