

Harvester SetUp Workshops



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Harvester Set-Up Workshops for Optimising harvest Losses, Efficiency and Weed Seed Control

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FarmLink, GRDC, Primary Sales

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Harden/Boorowa, Caragabal, Lockhart, Dulacca, Inglestone

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INTRODUCTION

As part of the National GRDC Harvester Set-Up Clinics 2020-26 Program, FarmLink was responsible for coordinating 5 events in the Northern Region for 2022. Delivery of the events was supported by local facilitators and a range of technical experts focusing on strategies to measure and minimise harvest losses, suppress harvest fires, control harvest weed seeds and apply best practice in grain storage and handling.



For the Northern Region, unlike 2021 the program was able to be undertaken face to face without the constraints imposed by the COVID19 pandemic.

The Harvester Setup Clinics were advertised on the GRDC website, through local media outlets, promoted through FarmLink newsletters and social media channels, and through correspondence and advocacy via local Facilitators. Event locations and dates were established early in the year. Five events were ultimately delivered during August/September in the Northern Region as per the table below. Timing for the events was as close to harvest as we could so farmers were in the right frame of mind, this worked well as farmers were able to take home ideas to implement immediately.

In addition to the local facilitators the following Technical Experts attended:

- ▶ Peter Broley (CEO – Primary Sales Australia)
- ▶ Warrick Finlay (Primary Sales Australia)
- ▶ Brett Aspher
- ▶ Kassie van der Westhuizen
- ▶ Chris Warrick
- ▶ Ben White

In each event the availability of equipment to enable a 'show and tell' format was arranged by the Local Facilitator and/or FarmLink.

In the third year of running the events we were able to secure a record number of attendees with almost 300 farmers, operators and advisors joining in the sessions.



Location	Event Date	Local Facilitator	No. of Attendees
Harden/Boorowa (NSW)	16th August	Andrew Bulkeley	74
Caragabal (NSW)	17th August	Dave Crowley	81
Lockhart/Yerong Ck (NSW)	18th August	Heidi Gooden	79
Dulacca (Qld.)	28th September	Paul McIntosh	26
Inglestone (Qld.)	29th September	Paul McIntosh	27