



GIWA Brief - December 2009

GIWA actions in Nov/Dec

- Grain Agronomy 2010 Varieties Update held 5th November – over 80 people attended.
- GIWA provided a submission to the Productivity Commission's review of Wheat Export Marketing arrangements on 4th December.
- DAFWA & GIWA issued a report on Grain Market Information following the workshop held 22nd October and provided written advice to the Minister
- Crop Updates program for 2010 is being finalised. Information available on GIWA website.

GIWA Pulse Council (next meeting 26th February)

- All pulse trials have been harvested with excellent yields in the north for lupins and chickpeas. Results and summaries will be available for all regional Crop Updates and the Perth Crop Updates
- Sclerotinia alert for northern region- media release Countryman 10th December. Lupins will host the disease meaning canola growers cannot swing to lupins and reduce the risk to future canola crops.
- Chickpea variety choices for 2010, Farm Weekly 17th December.

GIWA Oilseeds Council (next meeting TBC)

- Most of the Canola Variety Trials have been harvested, results being compiled.

GIWA Oat Council (next meeting 2nd March)

- New Milling Oat variety trial to be conducted Monday 4th January.

GIWA Trade Council (next meeting TBC)

- Meeting held 12th November. Working group representatives were nominated and progress of the group reviewed and future plans for 2010 discussed.

GIWA Wheat Council (next meeting 12th February)

- Developed a media article on "Wheat integrity vital to market integrity" which went to press on the 19th November.

GIWA Barley Council (next meeting 26th March)

- Barley Council members revised the Malting Barley Variety Rationalisation plan in response to market signals for Hamelin barley and re-released the plan prior to the 5th November Grains 2010 meeting

GIWA Grain Standards Working Group (next meeting March)

- Media Release on WA Grain Delivery Standards 10th December and review form available on front page of website for feedback which is now sought.

Other GIWA News

If you haven't paid your membership as yet a reminder to please do so as GIWA appreciates your moral and financial support to help build the grain industry for all members.

What's happening in 2010...

- Plans to seek further clarification of a National Grain market Information system
- Continue to coordinate advice on receival standards
- Developing policy and assisting implementation of new crop technology
- Preliminary investigation of QA grain in WA
- Planning for Crop Updates and Grains West for February 2011
- Tackling key supply chain issues for each commodity

Events

- **Thu 25th & Fri 26th February 2010: DAFWA & GRDC 'Crop Updates 2010'** convened by GIWA. Exhibition opportunities available, contact Charlene on 08 6272 4567.

For further details check out the GIWA website at: www.grainindustryassociationwa.com

Or contact John Duff or Charlene Hutchinson at GIWA on 08 6272 4567

Membership application form – www.grainindustryassociationwa.com/members.html