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Project Code	SANF116
Project Type	Research

FINAL REPORT 2017

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PROJECT TITLE	19 th Annual SANTFA conference

PROJECT DURATION

*These dates **must** be the same as those stated in the Funding Agreement*

Project Start date	1/9/16				
Project End date	1/3/17				
SAGIT Funding Request	2014/15	\$	2015/16	\$	2016/17

PROJECT SUPERVISOR CONTACT DETAILS

The project supervisor is the person responsible for the overall project

Title:	First Name: Leighton	Surname: Pearce		
Organisation: South Australian No till Farmers Association				
Mailing address:				
Telephone:	Facsimile:	Mobile:	Email:	

ADMINISTRATION CONTACT DETAILS

The Administration Contact is the person responsible for all administrative matters relating to the project

Title:	First Name: Mandy	Surname: Pearce	
Organisation: South Australian No till Farmers Association			
Mailing address:			
Telephone:	Facsimile:	Mobile:	Email:

PROJECT REPORT

Provide clear description of the following:

Executive Summary (200 words maximum)

A few paragraphs covering what was discovered, written in a manner that is easily understood and relevant to SA growers. A number of key dot points should be included which can be used in SAGIT communication programs

The 19th Annual SANTFA conference was held on Feb 24th at the Barossa Arts and convention centre in Tanunda. Once again the conference was successful. The theme of the conference was soil Health, with world class speakers from interstate and internationally headlining the conference. Apart from SANTFA's own R & D Manager, Greg Butler, all other speaker were farmers that are considered leading farmers. Our keynote speakers included from Colorado, John Heermann and from South Dakota, Rick Bieber, while we also had Australian farmer of the Year, Grant Sims from Lockington Vic and Ben Beck from Wagga Wagga NSW. Survey results indicated that the conference was one of most successful and informative conferences in recent times. Attendees gathered practical information with respect to implementing cover cropping on their farm and addressing soil health concerns.

Project Objectives

A concise statement of the aims of the project in outcome terms should be provided.

The 2017 SANTFA Annual conference was highly successful, with very positive feedback given via the survey conducted, despite lower than anticipated numbers, the trend is showing that more farmers are attending our conference of the past few seasons. We had a higher than expected number of first timers attend the conference.

Overall Performance

A concise statement indicating the extent to which the Project objectives were achieved, a list of personnel who participated in the Research Project including co-operators, and any difficulties encountered and the reasons for these difficulties.

N/A

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

*Please indicate whether KPI's were achieved. The KPI's **must** be the same as those stated in the Application for Funding and a brief explanation provided as to how they were achieved or why they were not achieved.*

KPI	Achieved (Y/N)	If not achieved, please state reason.
200 participants attend conference	N	Final numbers of attendee were 150, this is an increase on previous years and we believe that the trend is showing that more farmers are beginning to attend our conference.
20% of participants attend their first SANTFA conference	Y	23% of attendee, were attending their first conference

Technical Information (Not to exceed **three** pages)

Provide sufficient data and short clear statements of outcomes.

N/A

Conclusions Reached &/or Discoveries Made (Not to exceed **one** page)

Please provide concise statement of any conclusions reached &/or discoveries made.

Intellectual Property

Please provide concise statement of any intellectual property generated and potential for commercialisation.

N/A

Application / Communication of Results

A concise statement describing activities undertaken to communicate the results of the project to the grains industry. This should include:

- *Main findings of the project in a dot point form suitable for use in communications to farmers;*
- *A statement of potential industry impact*
- *Publications and extension articles delivered as part of the project; and,*
- *Suggested path to market for the results including barriers to adoption.*

Note that SAGIT may directly extend information from Final reports to growers. If applicable, attach a list of published material.

The conference was promoted repeatedly leading up to the conference through SANTFA's social media: Twitter (2330 followers) and Facebook (960 likes), as well as direct SMS and emails to our membership data base (over 450 members). The ABC Country Hour (SA) also promoted and broadcast from the conference along with promotion through the SANTFA website and quarterly journal, "The Cutting Edge".

Each speaker's session was audio recorded and the recordings will be available through SANTA's podcasting channel "Radio SANTFA" through iTunes.. From the conference, several articles have been written and included in the latest edition of SANTFA's quarterly journal, "The Cutting Edge". Several news items were also created and published in the Stock Journal (SA) and Weekly Times (Vic).

See attached files to this email for further information.

POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK

Provide possible future directions for the research arising from the project including potential for further work and partnerships.

Plasn are currently well underway for the 2019 Annual conference.

AUTHORISATION
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Position: Communication manager
Signature:
Date: 5 th June 2017

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