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GROWER GROUP FINAL REPORT 2018

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PROJECT CODE	: SAGIT MFM118G
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EVENT TITLE	(10 words maximum)
On-farm Optimisation of Oat grain production and marketing	

EVENT DURATION

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

Event Start date	1/8/18		
Event End date	1/8/18		
SAGIT Funding Request	2018/19		

EVENT SUPERVISOR DETAILS

The project supervisor is the person responsible for the overall project

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ADMINISTRATION CONTACT DETAILS

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

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EVENT REPORT

Provide clear description of the following:

Executive Summary (200 words maximum)

A few paragraphs covering what was achieved, written in a manner that is easily understood and relevant to SA growers. Report on the attendance at the event, relevant photos could also be attached. A number of key dot points should be included which can be used in SAGIT communication programs

The 2018 MFMG Oat Field Day was held on Wednesday 1st August, 2018 at Wolseley Recreation Centre, followed by a field visit to Peter McLellan's property. The day was made possible with funding assistance being kindly provided by SAGIT.

There were 37 attendees, including a mix of growers, agronomists and various industry representatives.

The keynote speaker was Georgie Troup, Oat Research Agronomist, Grains Research and Innovation Agriculture and Food, DPIRD, WA. Additional industry speakers also spoke on the day as well as Peter Cormack, Manager of Industry Development, SARDI (see attached field day handout).

Key topics of discussion were

- Management of individual varieties and the importance of variety specific agronomy packages.
- Responses of different varieties to time of sowing and nutrition and discussions around management for hay vs grain yields.

Opportunities arose to discuss marketing, with local millers Blue Lake Milling (BLM) in attendance. There were also discussions around the new variety Kowari and the plans to assess the grain quality locally through BLM this season.

The field session included opportunities for growers to view the MFMG milling oat variety management trial that has been developed collaboratively with industry to try and optimise management in milling oats.

Below are some photos from the day (courtesy of F.Turner)



Overall Performance

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

Objectives

The event aimed to facilitate the extension of cropping research relevant to the Upper South East (USE) farming systems, and to provide an opportunity for USE grain

growers to link with leading national researchers on topics that are of personal or industry interest.

Extent to which objectives & milestones were achieved

The event provided attendees with the opportunity to discuss relevant issues with regards to oats- both grain and hay production- with DAFWA oat agronomy researcher Georgie Troup. Georgie discussed the findings from GRDC project DAW00227, "Oat Agronomy and Industry Development in the Western Region". The event also provided opportunities for growers to discuss oat nutrition, varieties and to discuss relevant issues with other industry agronomists and marketers.

Personnel participating in the event

(See attached field day booklet)

Results & benefits

Growers improved their understanding of the need to manage varieties according to their strengths, and the interaction between varieties, time of sowing and nutrition in oat crops in the Western Region. While there is the ability to apply some of that knowledge immediately in South Australia, the key benefit is in the way that the research from WA has assisted in forming research questions for the South Australian environment.

Difficulties

No difficulties were encountered

Application / Communication of Results

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

- *Main findings of the event in a dot point form suitable for use in communications to farmers;*
- *Publications and extension articles delivered as part of the project*

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

Application to industry

The field day provided an opportunity for researchers, agronomists, oat breeders, seed and nutrition representatives, and oat millers and seed marketers to join together in a forum and discuss openly the way forward for oats across the region. Having an oat mill at Bordertown provides a large opportunity for growers to produce a crop and market locally and this forum provided opportunities to discuss challenges with different varieties, the need to assess new varieties on a local level from a milling perspective and how industry could work together collaboratively going forward to optimise management and marketing capacity of oats.

POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS

Provide possible future plans of your Group arising from the project including potential for further work and partnerships.

Future plans as a result of discussions on the day include;

- Continue to work with industry to develop variety specific agronomy packages for milling oat varieties under South-East conditions

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Providing support to Blue Lake Milling in their testing of Kowari over the next season- Supporting industry efforts to develop the South-Eastern Oats Advisory Group/Committee |
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AUTHORISATION
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