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Project Code	
Project Type	

FINAL REPORT 2019

Applicants must read the *SAGIT Project Funding Guidelines 2019* prior to completing this form. These guidelines can be downloaded from www.sagit.com.au

Final reports must be emailed to admin@sagit.com.au as a Microsoft Word document in the format shown **within 2 months** after the completion of the Project Term.

PROJECT CODE	:	EP116
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PROJECT TITLE	(10 words maximum)
Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary 2016-2019	

PROJECT DURATION

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

Project Start date	1 July 2016					
Project End date	30 June 2019					
SAGIT Funding Request	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	

PROJECT SUPERVISOR CONTACT DETAILS

The project supervisor is the person responsible for the overall project

Title:	First Name:	Surname:			
Ms	Naomi	Scholz			
Organisation:					
SARDI					
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:	Surname:	
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Organisation:			
Eyre Peninsula Agricultural Research Foundation			
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

This project enabled the free distribution of hard copies of the Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summaries 2016, 2017 and 2018, to all growers on Eyre Peninsula.

In surveys of growers conducted in March 2019, growers were still keen to receive hard copies of research results, but this has trending downwards slightly over time. When growers were asked more generally 'How do you prefer to receive technical information?', the highest response was via email (27%), followed by meetings (biased towards meetings as this survey was conducted during meetings) (21%), hard copies (papers and books) and equal third was field days (18% each). Website, YouTube videos, podcast and webinars were up to 5% each, making up the remainder of responses.

When seeking articles for the publication, researchers are keen to participate, and there is no shortage of material. While not necessarily conducted on EP, there is a lot of research being undertaken that is relevant and of interest to EP growers and advisors.

Project Objectives

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

This project provided the partial cost of printing and postage of the Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summaries 2016, 2017 and 2018, enabling the free distribution to all growers on Eyre Peninsula.

The Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary (EPFSS) is an annual publication consisting of research results undertaken on Eyre Peninsula and other areas of relevance, and their implications to upper EP farming systems.

The EPFSS provides accurate, independent, timely information to growers to assist in their decision-making processes to adopt, disadopt or continue a practice, to improve their production and/or profitability and to ultimately increase their business sustainability.

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.

The project objectives were achieved in full. The Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summaries were produced and distributed free to farmers and advisors in 2017, 2018 and 2019. 1100 copies were produced each year.

Over the 3 years of the project, the editorial team consisted of:

Editor: Naomi Scholz, SARDI.

Section editors: SARDI Researchers Amanda Cook, Jessica Gunn (nee Crettenden), Fiona Tomney, Nigel Wilhelm, Andrew Ware, Jacob Giles, Fabio Arsego, Brian Dzoma, Blake Gontar, Mariano Cossani, and Brett Masters (Land Management Consultant) Rural Solutions SA, Port Lincoln.

Contributing authors: too long to list, but contact lists are provided at the end of each publication.

The distribution list has been maintained and updated over the life of the project.

The major difficulty in delivering the EP Farming Systems Summaries is getting authors to submit articles by the deadline (end January). There are valid reasons why this is the case, as most rely on harvest data to be collected and analysed, and then to get people to provide technical editing over the January period (holidays) can be tricky. Often it is one person providing technical editing for a large number of articles, due to technical capacity being specialized in some areas.

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.
Survey conducted at MAC/EPARF events to determine level of value EP farmers place on the information provided in the	Y	

EPFSS and how they would prefer to receive the information.		
Steering committee meeting held, schedule finalised and draft article list produced. Invitations for articles sent to potential authors.	Y	
EP Farming Systems Summary 2016 printed and distributed (at least 1000 copies).	Y	
Steering committee meeting held, schedule finalised and draft article list produced. Invitations for articles sent to potential authors.	Y	
EP Farming Systems Summary 2017 printed and distributed (at least 1000 copies).	Y	
Steering committee meeting held, schedule finalised and draft article list produced. Invitations for articles sent to potential authors.	Y	
EP Farming Systems Summary 2018 printed and distributed (at least 1000 copies).	Y	
Final report submitted to SAGIT.	Y	
Technical Information (Not to exceed three pages) <i>Provide sufficient data and short clear statements of outcomes.</i> Not applicable.		
Conclusions Reached &/or Discoveries Made (Not to exceed one page) <i>Please provide concise statement of any conclusions reached &/or discoveries made.</i> Not applicable.		
Intellectual Property <i>Please provide concise statement of any intellectual property generated and potential for commercialisation.</i> Not applicable.		

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.

Aside from hard copies that have been distributed to EP growers and advisors, and beyond, individual articles can be sourced via the EPARF website:

<https://eparf.com.au/research-project/ep-farming-systems-summary-2018/>

<https://eparf.com.au/research-project/ep-farming-systems-summary-2017/>

<https://eparf.com.au/research-project/ep-farming-systems-summary-2016/>

Much of the trial work is also being uploaded to the Online Farm Trials database <https://www.farmtrials.com.au/>, with relevant PDF articles attached for context.

POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK

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

Contributions to the costs of printing and postage of the Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary 2019 have been included in individual projects for 2019/20, and will be built in to future projects as they are developed.

Recipients will also be re-surveyed periodically to determine preferences for receiving research results and other information, and adapted accordingly.

AUTHORISATION

Name: Naomi Scholz

Position: Acting Executive Officer

Signature:

Date: 13/08/2019

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