



SAGIT RESEARCH SUMMARY

EP116: Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary 2016-2018

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The Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary (EPFSS) provides growers and advisers with the outcomes of relevant research conducted on the Eyre Peninsula during the previous season. Articles covering the research are collated early in the following year and released by April.

This project developed and delivered free hard copies of the 2016, 2017, and 2018 EPFSS to growers and advisers on the Eyre Peninsula.

FAST FACTS

THE DATES:

Start: 1 July 2016

Finish: 30 June 2019

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS:

Primary Industries and Regions SA (SARDI): Naomi Scholz.

THE PROBLEM:

Eyre Peninsula growers need to access the latest relevant regional research to assist in their on-farm decision making.

THE RESEARCH:

The Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary (EPFSS) was produced and distributed for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

BACKGROUND

The EPFSS is an annual publication which summarises the results of research undertaken on Eyre Peninsula, other relevant research and the implications for Eyre Peninsula farming systems.

The EPFSS provides accurate, independent, timely information to assist growers in their on-farm decision-making, with the aim to improve production, profitability and business sustainability.

RESEARCH AIMS

The core objective of the project was to produce and distribute the 2016, 2017 and 2018 EPFSS free of charge to all growers and advisers on the Eyre Peninsula.

IN THE FIELD

The South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), a division of PIRSA, is the South Australian Government's principal research institute. The EPFSS was edited by Naomi Scholz, Project Manager from SARDI. There was a range of section editors and valuable contributors.

A survey of growers was conducted to establish the value farmers place on the information EPFSS provides and their preferred method to receive technical information.

RESULTS

The EPFSS was produced and distributed to growers and advisers for three years at no cost to them. The summaries covered the 2016-2018 seasons.

There were 1,100 copies printed each year.

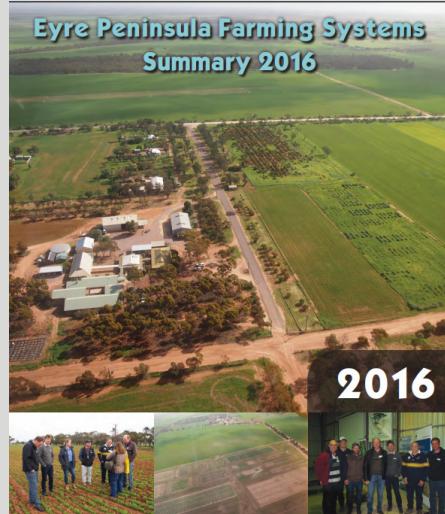
The grower survey showed while growers still value a hard copy version of the EPFSS, the popularity of the printed summary is declining.

The survey indicated the most popular way for growers to receive technical information is through email, 27% of growers prefer this option. This was followed by meetings, hard copies and field days. A small portion of growers preferred websites, YouTube videos, podcasts and webinars.

VALUE FOR GROWERS

Eyre Peninsula growers benefit from access to relevant and independent information gathered in an easily accessible format to improve their business practices. Electronic versions of the EPFSS can be accessed on the Eyre Peninsula Agricultural Research Foundation (EPARF) website.

Some of the trial work can also be found on the Online Farm Trials database.



Eyre Peninsula Farming Systems Summary 2016.

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