

Holiday greetings from the Anna Binna team.

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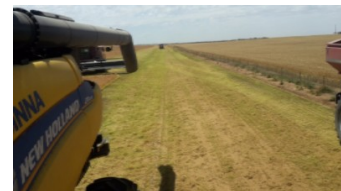
ANNA BINNA update

Harvest Update and Merry Christmas

Just a quick harvest update as we roll into the silly season.

This week, we finally finished the last paddock of lentils. The lentil crops in the centre of the Peninsula took weeks to ripen as the soil underneath is still wet. The grain has been ripe for a few weeks but the vine at the base of the plant was still green and not showing any signs of dying off. Our work speed was reduced to 3kph, which halved our normal work rate and often we could not harvest after 7pm in the evenings. Overall, the headers handled the conditions pretty well, but we destroyed the rotor drive on the New Holland 1 and the straw hopper had to be replaced in our contractor's machine.

Marco and Danny have made a good start on the wheat and the crop is excellent. The wheat crops are



Green vines under the lentils has been tough



Testing exhaust temperatures in the lentils to prevent fires

now laying over so we have to cut them off at the stump, which is very slow going. We will use all three machines on the wheat and we are hoping to have it done in the next two weeks.

The local silos are getting very full and many segregations are closing, which has trucks travelling long distances to get grain unloaded. There is a boat currently loading at Port Giles which will take about 60,000 tons of grain. There are three more that follow, which should hopefully prevent the silos from filling. There's about 30% of the crop still left to harvest on the Yorke Peninsula, so harvest will run into February on many farms. Although we continue to get a cool change every seven days, we have been very lucky not to cop a large rainfall event, so the grain quality is still excellent.

With all the rain, the summer weeds have come. We have already sprayed two paddocks at Point Pearce and our whole program will need to be covered after harvest. We will also have many paddocks to slash as the stubble in the crop often stands up after you remove the stem and the heads. Another job which is new to us is wheel track renovating. We have a machine which fills in the wheel tracks left by the sprayer in wet conditions. This keeps the paddock nice and flat after a wet season.

Point Pearce School Visit

It was great to have a recent visit from students and staff from the Point Pearce school. The students love being picked up in the trucks and they were very interested in how the wheat gets from the paddock through to a loaf of bread.

Staffing

We have a busy time ahead. We are very fortunate to have a great team of both full-time and casual staff members. With harvest taking a lot longer than we anticipated, we will look to keep on some of our casual staff members so everyone can get some



Marco getting into the wheat



We have amazing staff - pizza for tea on Sunday night



A visit from students & staff from the Point Pearce school

well-earned time off with family over the holidays.




As always, thank you for your support of Anna Binna. We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to catching up with many of you in the New Year.



Merry Christmas from
Charlotte & Charles
(now 16 and 18)

Regards,

Ben Wundersitz



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