



ANNA BINNA update

January 2017 Update

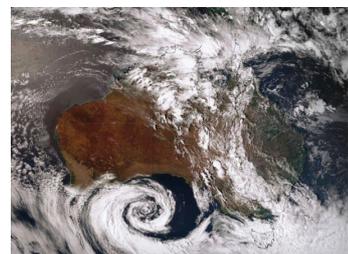
Finally, after nearly 3 months, we got the last of the 2016 harvest in the bin. It's been the longest harvest we have ever completed with over 1,000 rotor hours to get it done.

The cyclonic weather belted Yorkes with 130 kph winds combined with 60 to 100 mm of rain. It was the wildest weather we have ever experienced with the easterly winds taking down trees and ripping the roofs on many sheds in the area.

The weather laid the last of our wheat even lower, which meant harvesting it at ground level was the only option. With such heavy rain, a lot of the wheat has begun to germinate in the head. The sprouted grain requires the bulk handlers to do a falling numbers test on the wheat. This tests the strength of the wheat when it is milled into flour and determines whether it can be still used for flour production or if it is reduced to a feed grade product. The falling numbers test can take up to six minutes per sample, which increases the work for the grain classifiers at the silos and adds more waiting time for the truck drivers. Thankfully, most of our wheat was still hard milling grade but some was reduced to a lower grade milling wheat, which was still a good outcome.



Marco & Simon mowing the last of the wheat at ground level



The cyclonic rainfall event that dumped 100 mm of rain on the last of the wheat crop



After the rain, we decided to pull out the air seeder and sow some sorghum in the areas that had been waterlogged earlier in the year. Hopefully, this will pump out some of the excess moisture from the 800 mm of rainfall that we received during the year.

Looking forward

2016 has been a huge season. The wet winter has increased our workload with many extra applications of fungicide and fertiliser required to keep the crop growing to reach its full potential. This harvest has been the longest we have ever experienced. A huge thanks to our staff members who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have such a great team.

Thank you for your support throughout the season. Our partnership with our land owners and leasees is very important to us. We appreciate that you trust us to protect your asset and we strive to continually improve your property. Our aim at Anna Binna is be a leader in professional farm management whilst promoting the highest standards in agricultural stewardship.

All the best for 2017.

Regards,
Ben Wundersitz

Western Star prime mover bogged down after receiving 100 mm of rain



Sowing forage sorghum in last year's waterlogged areas



Forage sorghum emerging. This will be slashed to get some organic matter back in the soil



The silos & bunkers (now full) at Ardrossan. Likely to be the largest tonnage of grain ever at 420,000 tons



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