

The Job's Done!!

Seeding with a Pro Tracker

We finished seeding late last week. The John Deere did around 650 engine hours in five weeks. Thanks especially to Tim Rowe for doing the night shift on the seeder and to Danny Luciani for doing most of the day shift.

This year we have fitted a Pro Tracker unit to the hitch on the John Deere. This unit enables us to move the seeder bar independently to the left or right of the tractor, which provides greater accuracy to be able to sow between last year's rows. The Pro Tracker receives a GPS signal from a second receiver in the centre of the seeder. With the large seeder and heavier aircart, the unit can actually track up to half a metre off-line when working on the slope of a hillside. This unit steers the seeder so it's on the runline between the previous year's sowing rows. The stubble cover from the previous year provides protection for the emerging crop and may allow us to cut the crop a bit higher when harvesting.



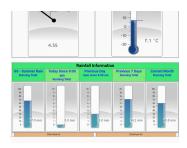
The Pro Tracker unit and a receiver on the seeder



Wheat coming up in lentil stubble

Great rainfall

We have been enjoying some cool, showery weather this week. Price is topping the rainfall so far with 60mm for the month, Maitland at 55mm, Ardrossan at 45mm and Port Victoria at 40mm. This will be enough moisture to get all of the crop up and growing. It's certainly a welcome relief from where we were a month ago.



Screenshot from the weather station at Price – 60mm

Keep chipping away

We have started spreading urea on our early-sown barley crops and will begin some applications of herbicide next week to take some weeds out of some lentils. There is also plenty of rolling to do to push under the stones in the barley paddock that will be windrowed.

Many thanks to our staff members for their commitment during this time, and thank you for your support of Anna Binna.



Lentils emerging between the stubble rows at Ardrossan

Regards, Ben Wundersitz



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