Cotton Industry Trends in Product Use and Consultants Perspectives

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Historical Insecticide Usage on Cotton in Australia

Source CCA survey

Total Insecticide Use g a.i./ha

(Active ingredient in kg/ha)
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PREFERENCES

- Cotton disease management
- Varieties/plant breeding
- Herbicide resistance management
- Irrigation management and water use efficiency
- Cotton nutrition
- New technologies in cotton farming
- Biotechnology and insect resistance management
- Soils and soils constraints (e.g. salinity & compaction)
- Extension and communication to growers and advisers
- Pest control and integrated pest management (IPM)
- Weed management
- Crop rotations
- Rain grown (dryland) cotton
- “Blue Sky” research
- Community education about cotton
- Surface and groundwater systems
- Improving fibre quality
- Farm business and economics
- Harvesting (Picking)
- Post farm R&D to differentiate and increase value of Australian cotton
- Energy use
- Carbon emissions/greenhouse gases
- Technical support for myBMP (the industry’s Best Management Practices program)
- Farm landscapes including riparian zones
- Other
Take home message

- Consultants – Consider completing the survey and submitting your data to the audit, benefits for the whole industry

- Researchers – Consider using the data, help identify key areas of future R&D

- Suppliers – Consider buying the data, real ability to identify trends and future opportunities

- Growers – Is your consultant a member of the CCA and contributing data to the Cotton Market Audit, and completing the Cotton Consultants Survey?
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