



National Cotton Grower of the Year Field Day

Thursday 12 March, 2015
Hillston, NSW

Cotton Australia invites growers and industry to attend the upcoming National Cotton Grower of the Year Field Day to be held on Wednesday 12 March, 2015.

The event will be hosted at Tim and Sally Watson's farm (Sunland Agriculture) near Hillston, NSW. The Watsons (pictured) are the recipients of the Monsanto Cotton Grower of the Year Award announced at the 2014 Australian Cotton Industry Awards night.



EVENT DETAILS

- **When:** 10am – 4pm, Thursday 12 March, 2015
- **Where:** Sunland Agriculture, River Road, Hillston, NSW

PRESENTATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Learn more about Tim and Sally Watson [here](#).

An agenda for the day, including special guest speakers, is available on page two.

HOW TO GET THERE

Attendees have two options for travel to and from Sunland Agriculture.

- **Option 1:** Park vehicle outside the front gates of Sunland Agriculture for a 10am start. For biosecurity and farm hygiene reasons, attendees arriving by private transportation will be driven by bus from the front gate of Sunland Agriculture to the farm shed
- **Option 2:** Meet Honi Anderson at 8am outside the Griffith Visitors' Information Centre (Corner of Banna and Jondaryan Avenues, Griffith)
 - *Bus departing:* 8.30am sharp from Griffith to Sunland Agriculture
 - *Bus returning:* 4pm from Sunland Agriculture to Griffith

REGISTRATION

- **Field day:** Registration essential for all attendees
- **Transport:** At the time of registration, attendees must advise if bus transportation is required from Griffith to Sunland Agriculture and back, as seats are strictly limited

For more information and to register, please contact:

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AGENDA

TIME	DETAILS
10am	<p>Arrive at Sunland Agriculture (either by bus from Griffith or by private transport – see page one for transport options)</p> <p>Morning tea and coffee</p>
10.30am	Introduction and welcome with Adam Kay, Cotton Australia CEO
10.45am	Travel to farm presentation sites
11am	<p>Site one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sprinkler irrigation systems with Dave Winter, Sunland Agriculture farm manager • Pix management with Dr Steve Yates CSIRO principle research scientist • Farm agronomy with Allan Jones, Agronomic Business Solutions senior consultant
11.45am	<p>Site two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cotton and beetroot crop rotation with Tim Watson and the Sunland Agriculture team • soil surveying with Steve Cattle, Hillston Soil Survey • soil irrigations with Ian Sumerlab, agronomist • drones for crop management, Peter Birch, Elders B&W Rural
12.30pm	Travel on buses back to main shed for lunch
1.30pm	<p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris McCormack, Agripath Benchmarking director • Suncorp market update • New trait technology with Sarah Wilson, Bayer CropScience cotton trait research & development
2.45pm	<p>Panel discussion and Q&A session with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony May, Monsanto Australia technology development lead – rowcrop • Steve Ainsworth, CSD General Manager
3.30pm	Networking drinks and conclusion
4pm	<p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees travelling by bus will depart for Griffith • Attendees travelling by private transport depart