



# a 'Round The Traps'

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CSA GREATA POTAT'A!

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## BETTER PROGRAM- BETTER RESULT

Potato Harvest time in Tasmania and we got the job to give our client a far better result than what he got 'doing other things' in the paddock last year. Very good quality chipping potato "Innovator" and it needs to be on the big side right down the line! That is – no good growing 1 or 2 'biggs' up front and not having the rest of the tubers come through. What's the point of 50% or more being rejected?! And you've also got to make sure you supply the chipper-quality and size that are 'clean' with no disease. If you really want to please the buyers then have no polyphenol-oxidase problems either. Chippers like McCains HATE potatoes that start browning-out when they cut them and it takes a growing program like Ferti-Tech's CSA to make sure you do get consistent growth and you don't get poor quality. So the Bayles Bros. at Cressy decided it was time to give good 'ol Ferti-Tech a go for the harvest 2017 and everyone's happy all round. Up from 47 tonne to 57 tonne (and we think we can do better again). Up with consistent size across the board, appearance, quality, SG, the lot! AND we are also generating the same 'reversal of fortune' results in potato and seeding-potato SE-SA, SW-Victoria!

## A "Plug" for KURDEEZ LIME

All tubers; especially Potatoes, need a very good Calcium status. A lot of standard NPK programs emphasize the use of Potassium but we find they constantly over-shoot it and end up restricting the potatoes ability to uptake Calcium. ONE Lime source we have found down near the Timboon area of SW Victoria (Port Campbell / 12 Apostles) seems to have a very high availability feature compared to any other we've used. Fantastic 100% Quarry Lime product and impressively fast to translate into soil and plant production. Kurdeez Lime. pH 9.27. 40% Pure Calcium, 0.02% Sodium, 2.18% Magnesium Carbonate and has a 103% Neutralizing Value; Excellent



## BROADACRE WELL UNDERWAY ACROSS AUSTRALIA – A WEEK BEFORE ANZAC DAY

Last year there was a lot of activity around Anzac Day but it seems everyone has gone even earlier this year; and in the East it is still flat-out BUT in the West a few districts have pulled up after completing their dry sown Canola. The expected late April rainfall just hasn't happened yet in large parts of the mid-east or north – and sub-soil is dropping fast. A lot of Canola is in the program and a lot of Wheat is not – many growers in the West opting to grow pasture instead and balance up the farm with more stock now.

