



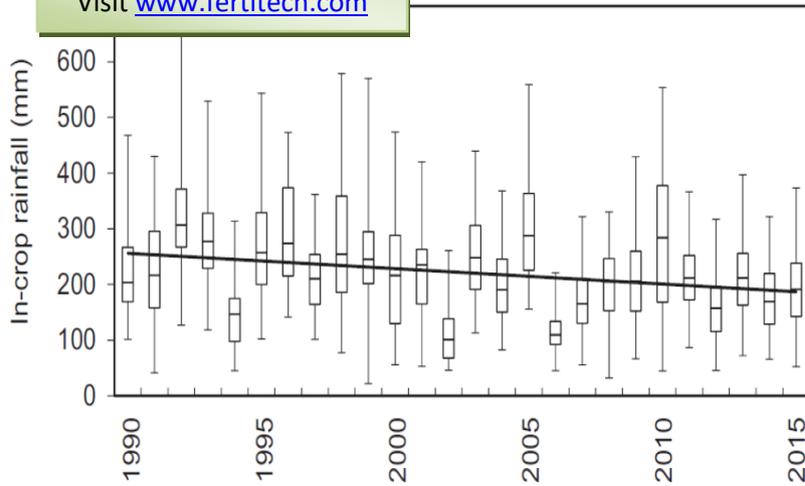
a'Round The Traps

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THE TREND IS DRIER!

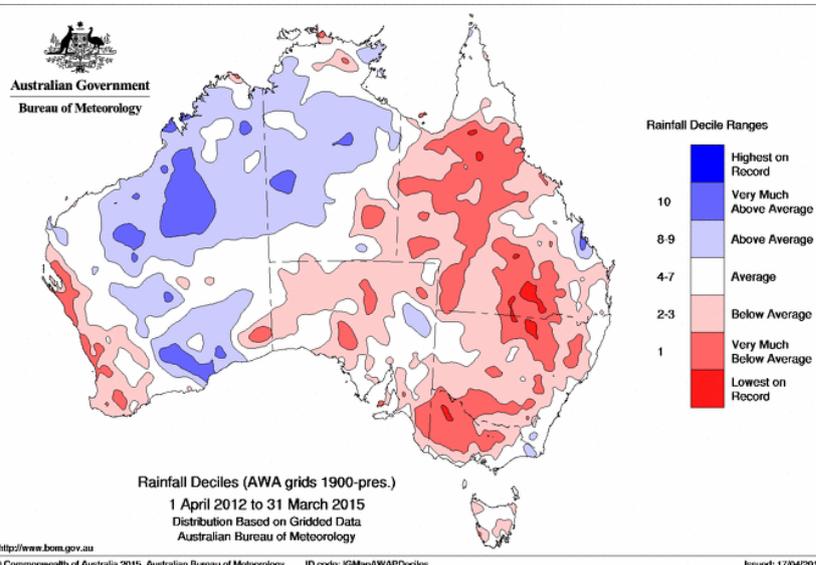
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THE EASTERN & SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA 'OVERALL AVERAGE' RAINFALL TREND FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS IS 50MM LOWER. THE TREND IS FOR AN INCREASING OF THE 'BELOW AVERAGE'. SO TO KEEP CROPPING FOR THE NEXT 20 YRS

SOIL WATER STORAGE

Unless you're blessed to be in a region where a loss of 50-200mm still means an average annual rainfall of 400mm or more – there is only one viable solution to keep cropping profitably for the next 20 years and that is a massive improvement in Soil Water Holding Capacity. Regardless of all the variables that throw you all over the place from profit to loss to profit again; the bottom line that never fails to determine more profit and no loss - will be the growing season WATER. So Water Storage in Soil to Keep Crops Growing and to survive dry spells better – or to shift water from one season to another; will always be the smartest 'I'm still cropping' asset you can build for the upcoming future of the farm. Upcoming because the problem is already here and the 'Dry Trend' is here to stay; as are all sorts for weather extremes to which we will have to endure, adapt and adjust. Raise Soil Carbon Levels, Raise Humus/Vegetative Soil Composition, Increase Soil Structural Porosity, Promote Flocculated/Aggregated Micropore Oxygen Structure. Build a 'Kilos-Effective' Mineralised Cation Exchange Capacity, Conductivity and Hold the Fort!



BUT THE FAR-SOUTH OR THE FAR-NORTH REMAINS UNAFFECTED.

Recent visits to Tasmania yielded a few comments from the locals about how quickly everything had dried out and how parts of the state were a bit low for their winter rainfall. As they all set about having a pretty good season anyhow! Not like NSW or QLD who are baking and getting bushfires already. Southern parts of Victoria and far-southern parts of WA seem to be ducking these large-area inland dry trends for now. These pictures from Tasmania or Victoria (Lismore/Mingay Area) show it is business as usual with 4 pasture grazings completed and then being cut for some hay – and probably cut again after that. Fantastic canola; you name it, they grow it and 'dry' just means getting onto the paddocks earlier to do some spraying. FOR NOW! Water Use Efficiency, Soil Water Storage is going to apply to every farmer one day – as it does to so many right now! Building and Maintaining a far better Soil Water Storage is a total NO-BRAINER anywhere in Australia.

