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Buckle Up — There's Still a Bit of Road Ahead

As we move into August, the year is starting to take shape. The foundations have been laid, opportunities are emerging, but the challenges remain — higher transport and input costs, ongoing global uncertainty and plenty of movement in the markets. We said back in May that things were unlikely to change quickly, and that still holds true. So, while there is plenty to be positive about, don't take your foot off the pedal just yet. Stay **Buckled Up — there's still a bit of road ahead.**

Faba Beans- New South Wales

A great-looking Faba Bean crop for the rotation in New South Wales, showing strong establishment and plenty of potential as the season progresses. It's always good to see crops getting away well, particularly in a season where growers continue to navigate plenty of challenges. Hopefully this is a sign of more positive results to come as we head towards Spring. Balanced nutrition is critical in supporting healthy growth, flowering and pod development.



Canola – Victoria – Sown with Liquid Inject

A great example of what can be achieved in a marginal growing area, with this Victorian canola crop showing excellent establishment from the outset. Sown using Liquid Inject, the crop achieved a strong and even start despite the challenging conditions, providing a solid foundation for the season ahead. It's a great result and a good reminder that getting the crop off to the right start can make all the difference.





Wheat – Western Australia – Sown with Liquid Inject

Another strong example of crop establishment, this time from Western Australia. Sown with Liquid Inject, the wheat has established evenly and strongly, providing an excellent foundation for the season ahead. In challenging growing conditions, achieving a good start is critical, again this crop is a great example of how getting nutrition into the paddock at sowing can make a difference in plant establishment.

Z.30 Inspections – Wheat - Victoria

Z.30 inspections are now underway across Victorian wheat crops, with a close look at plant development and yield potential. As well as assessing crop growth and tiller development, we are getting out the hand lens to count grain heads and get an early indication of what the crop may be capable of producing. These inspections provide valuable information to guide decisions through the critical stages ahead and help identify opportunities to maximise yield.



Wheat – New South Wales

Another strong-looking wheat crop from New South Wales, showing excellent growth and development as the season progresses. The crop has established well and is building a strong foundation for yield, with good plant health and even development across the paddock. With the critical stages of the season now approaching, it will be interesting to see how this crop continues to develop and ultimately performs at harvest as its now had X2 foliar applications, everything is done and set up a lot earlier than last year, ready for the moisture to “cut off” as it usually does in this part of NSW.



Wheat – Same Paddock – After Foliar Application

A close-up of the wheat immediately following a foliar application, with the leaves still wet and showing excellent coverage. The application was made under ideal conditions, highlighting the importance of timing, weather and application conditions when applying foliar nutrition. Getting the product onto a healthy, actively growing crop under the right conditions gives us the best opportunity to achieve a strong response.



Now That's a Worm!- Victoria

You don't see one of these every day! A seriously impressive earthworm found out in the paddock — and a great reminder that there is a whole ecosystem working beneath our feet. Earthworms play an important role in soil structure, nutrient cycling and organic matter breakdown, so finding plenty of healthy worms is always a positive sign. Sometimes the best soil-health indicators are right there in your hands!

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T2 - Z.14

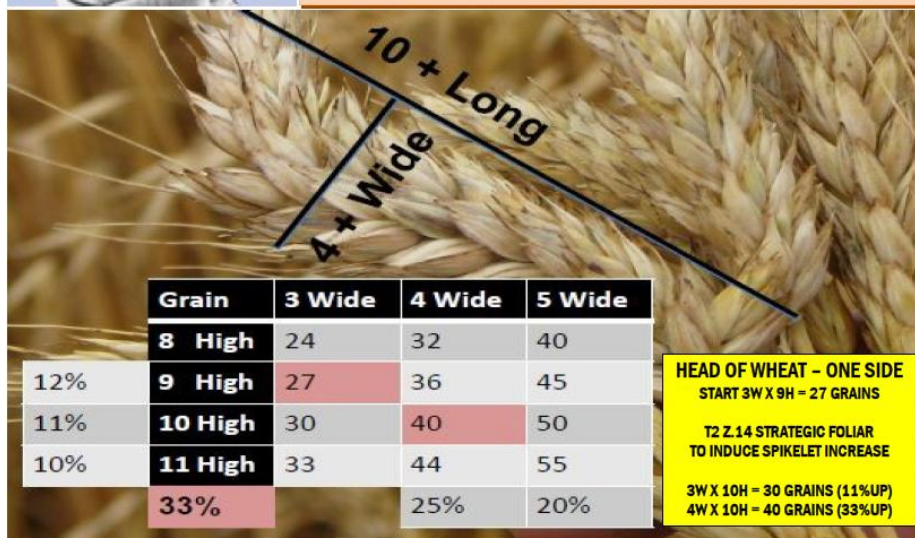
YIELD STRATEGIC FOLIAR

Once the Terminal Spikelet is Formed.
That's the Grain Count Finished.
So HOW MANY Grains are there in Your Crop?

In Your crop of WHEAT are the Heads going to be 4 Wide or 5 Wide – are they going to be 9 High, 10 High or More?
The C.S.I.R.O established well over 50 years ago that SEED COUNT is set between Z.14 and Z.16 and that the final tonnage is decided by the SEED SIZE OF THIS SEED COUNT (Hectolitre Wt).

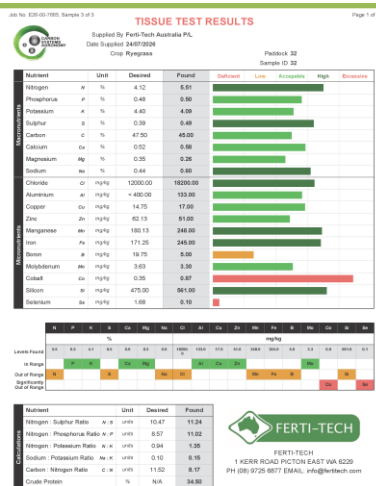
That's WHY the FTA CSA (Carbon Systems Agronomy) Cereal Cropping Program 'Bangs-On' So Much about
T2 - Z.14 (Tiller 2 Zadoks Stage 14 – 3rd leaf/4th leaf Emerging)

CSA doesn't focus on Primary Stem. That stem is always going to be favoured by the plant with more assimilates from the Crown - making it larger of course. The real chance to push Yield Up is to force the growth of a Larger Spikelet in T1 and T2 – which then drives the hormonal and assimilate demand to thicken the T1 and T2 stems and feed them like a Primary Stem - often by taking resources away from excess Leaf Mass. You can Stimulate Tiller 1 and Tiller 2 to Match Primary Stem if you have The Right Nutrition Pushing Hard at T2 - Z.14
Minimum Dollars, Optimal Yield, Timing is Everything, Hit it Hard.
T2-Z.14 is one point in the life of ALL CEREALS when you can be Absolutely Certain High Phosphorus/Nitrogen/Trace will MAXIMISE Seed Count and YIELD POTENTIAL.



Barley Ideal Start - Victoria

A great-looking barley crop that has certainly benefited from ideal growing conditions early in the season. The crop was sown with the addition of Reactive Carbon and strong nutrition applied directly to the seed, helping provide the crop with a strong nutritional foundation from the outset. Combined with great establishment, consistent moisture and favourable conditions, the result is a strong, even crop with plenty of potential as it moves through the season, in this typically marginal area.



Our Approach

Outcomes, Not Products

We take a slightly different approach to agronomy. If you spend five minutes scrolling through social media these days, you could be forgiven for thinking there is a miracle product for just about everything! One product will fix your soil, another will unlock yield, and another will apparently transform your crop overnight. It makes you laugh sometimes. The reality is that every farm, paddock, soil type and season is different, so there is no single product that suits everyone. That's why we don't focus on promoting individual products — we focus on understanding the crop, building the right program and, most importantly, showing you the "how and why" empowering you with the information and decision making for the outcomes we achieve in the paddock. Because at the end of the day, it's the result that matters, not the product name on the label.



Victoria – Lentils

Excellent Nodulation

A great example of what we want to see when inspecting a lentil crop, with excellent nodulation clearly visible on the root system. Effective nodulation is critical in lentils, as the rhizobia housed within the nodules are responsible for biological nitrogen fixation — converting atmospheric nitrogen into a form the plant can utilise. Well-developed, active nodules are a strong indicator that the crop has established an effective symbiotic relationship with its rhizobia, supporting nitrogen supply and ongoing plant growth. When assessing lentils, we always encourage growers to get below ground and physically inspect the roots and nodules — a healthy-looking crop above the ground doesn't necessarily tell the full story.