



Thousands of crop records

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- ▶ Cropcheck will allow you to access more than 8500 crop records, showing the practices of top yielding crops, to improve the practices, yields and profits of other crops
- ▶ Cropcheck is a tool for use by farmers, agronomists and agribusiness

Information about yields, inputs and growing conditions for over 8500 crops grown in Victoria and NSW since 1993 is available on the Cropcheck database, accessible via the Internet.

Cropcheck is a user friendly database that benchmarks crop records and practices for more than 12 different winter and summer crops. The database enables farmers and agronomists to closely analyse the performance of individual crops and to look at trends in agronomic and environmental practices for groups, districts or regions.

What's new?

Cropcheck can now be accessed from any computer via the Internet. All users must complete a one day training course prior to accessing the software. Besides learning how to use Cropcheck, participants will be given a username, password and access token which ensure the confidentiality of all information.

Reports

One of the key benefits of Cropcheck is that users can readily produce a range of benchmarking reports including graphs, tables and lists without needing to use any complicated software. The reports show how any crop compares to the other crops. Almost all information in the database is available for reporting.

To ensure confidentiality, all crops are given a crop reference number which is used in place of farmers' names in reports.

The database covers the following crops: azuki beans, barley, canola, faba beans, field peas, lupins, oats, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, triticale and wheat.

Will you participate in 2005?

Farmers and retail agronomists can obtain Cropcheck cards and recommendation guides from the DPI agronomists in NSW and Victoria and participate through local discussion groups as usual. In the near future we will be looking for interested farmers to trial the software first-hand.


The Cropcheck team is currently looking for a number of retail agronomists who are willing to pilot the Cropcheck software in 2005. If you are interested, please contact one of the Cropcheck team listed below.

Benefits

How you use Cropcheck is up to you. Simple record keeping through to complex analyses are all possible. Most crop information is immediately available for reporting once it has been entered, therefore you control what you report on and when.

The main benefit for farmers is finding out about improved crop practices leading to greater yields, profits and sustainability.

Agronomists can quickly and easily record and analyse their clients' crop information. This may either replace or complement any existing service or provide additional benefits to their clients. Cropcheck can also be used for market research and targeting sales.

It's impossible to give you more than a snap shot of the Cropcheck system in this article, so if you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, please contact your local agronomist or one of the Cropcheck team listed below. 

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