



Irrigation Research &  
Extension Committee

# IREC 2025 Cotton Farm Walk



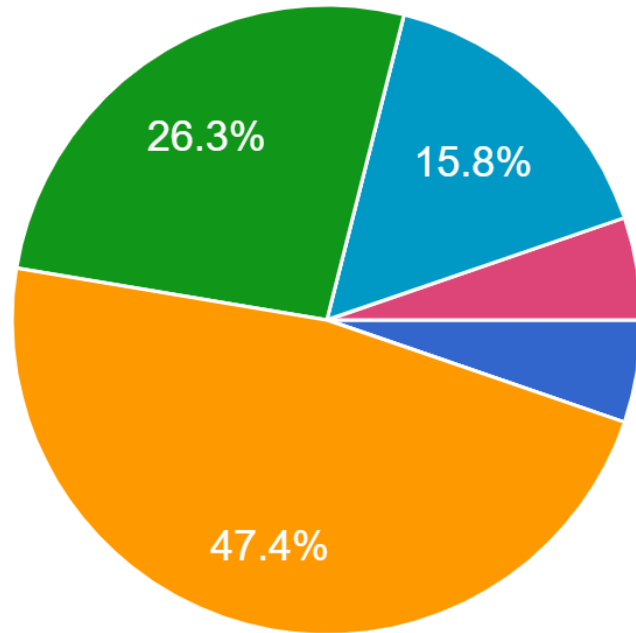
**Feedback Responses**

# About Update and Evaluation Process

- 33 attendees: 13 growers, 20 industry
- 19 responses
- 11 questions with a mixture of multiple choice and open questions



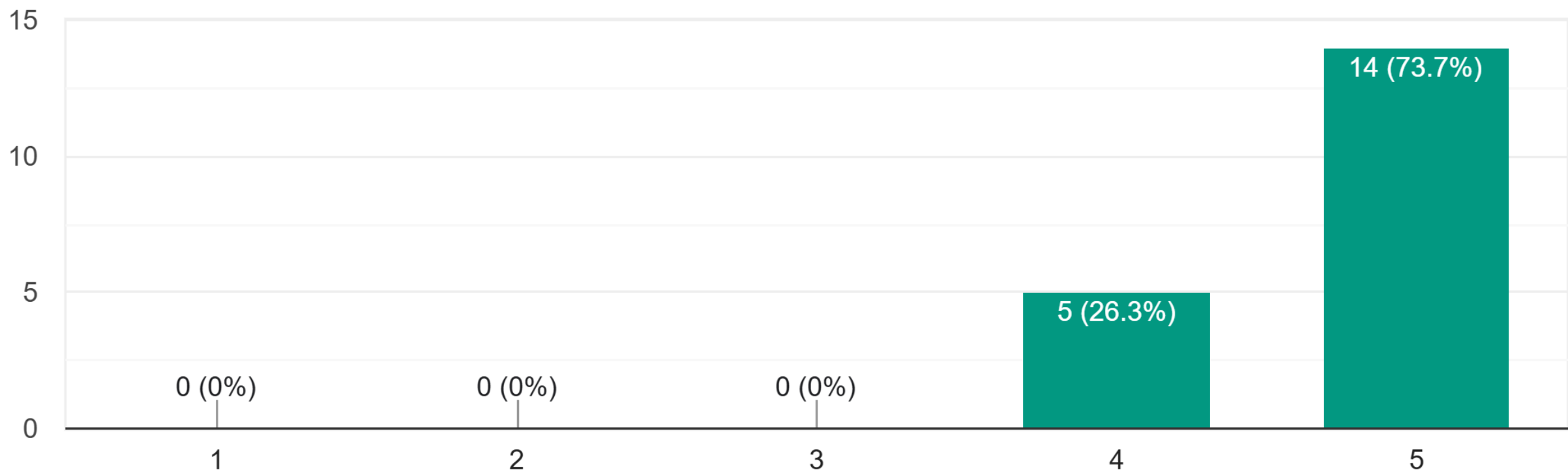
Are you a:  
19 responses



- Agri Advisor
- Agronomist/Horticulturalist
- Farmer/Irrigator
- Industry
- Researcher
- Banker
- IREC

# On a scale from 1 to 5, how do you rate the overall event?

19 responses



# What new knowledge or skills did you gain from attending today?

(open question)

## Responses:

- Skip rows
- stimulated thought process
- Different approaches to cotton growing and how water efficiencies can be achieved through innovative farming practices
- Possible options in dry years
- Water use efficiency
- Understanding or new methods of growing
- Lots of discussion
- Different layout to grow cotton that would be useful in drought years when water prices are high.
- Many
- Double skip row cotton as drought strategy
- Different layout for tight water years
- How to crop better
- Just to see what goin on ..
- Double skip approach
- Double skip layout viability
- the gap in knowledge and desire to know more about the irrigation and planting layout and how far cotton roots move laterally
- Different cover crop ideas
- Water preservation in growing
- Cover cropping discussion



# Highlight of the Event

(open question)

## Responses

- Innovation
  - open a new mind
  - Understanding more about cotton growing and ways to mitigate risk
  - Hearing the problems Dallas encountered
  - Expand network
  - Seeing in action
  - Lots of interaction
  - Was great to hear from people who were very honest about the trial.
- Honesty around trial and ideas
  - How demonstration triggered discussion of different options, strategies and ideas
  - Farmer discussion
  - Great conversation
  - Innovative discussion on new layouts
  - discussion around treatments for future trial in this layout and impact on water use and quality.
  - The innovative ideas that are happening all around
  - Conversational questions and sharing of ideas
  - Group discussions- good experience in audience today



# Will you experiment/trial anything on your farm or make a change, as a result of today's event?

(open question)

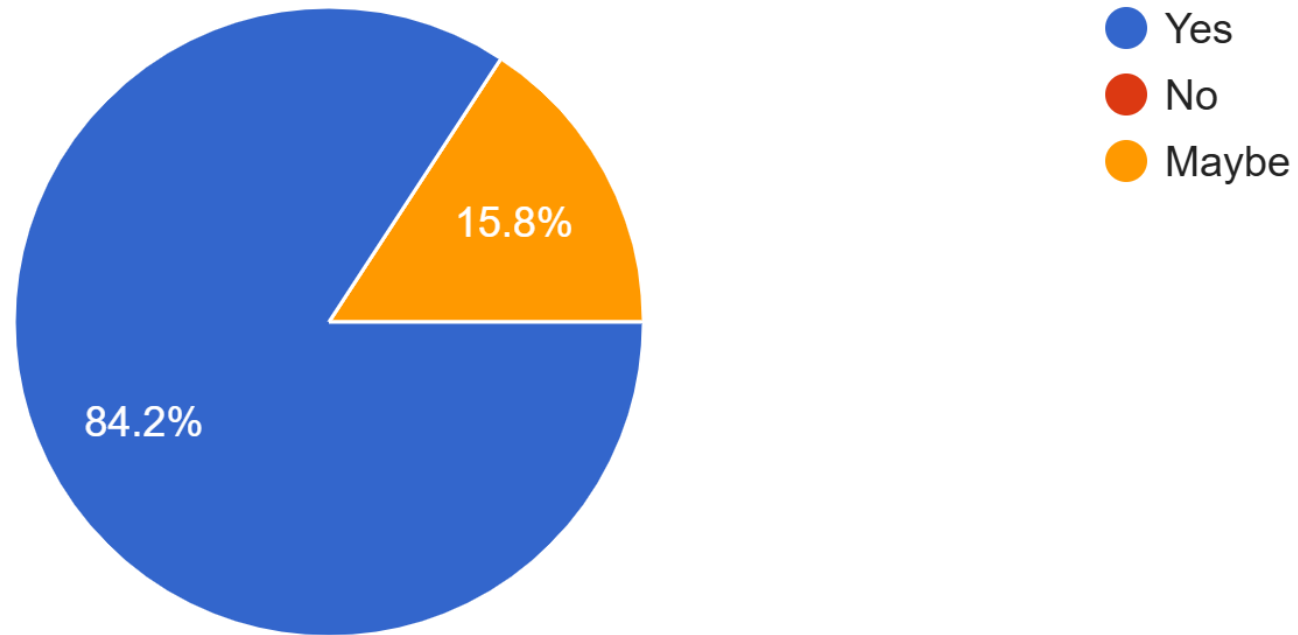
## Responses:

- Yes - 5
- N/A - 4
- Possibly - 2
- The trial needs to be conducted over a few more years, however it looks promising and is something I would look at giving a go in future.
- This work needs to be done over a least three seasons
- Continue this trial
- I will pass on learnings



# Has today's event built your knowledge on practices to strengthen your drought resilience?

19 responses



# Key Conclusions

- Overall good feedback
- People enjoyed the day
- Would be good to carry the trial on for at least another 3 seasons

# Farm Walk Cotton Layouts Trial Flexible Farming Systems

Tuesday 4 February 2025

Stott Farming Farm 1710

Whitton Rd, Whitton, 9am -10.30am

Join us to look at cotton growing innovation and hear from local farmer  
Dallas Stott

- In this trial, cotton sown in double skip row formation
  - Furrow created every 4 meters
- Cotton planted only on each edge of 4-meter bed
  - Setup uses half area typically required
- Trial aims to determine whether water usage can be reduced by half
  - Free morning tea provided!

RSVP to Sarah <https://bit.ly/IRECCottonFarmWalk> or  
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