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2015

Part 1 - Summary Details
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CRDC Project Number: CRDC1318

Project Title: 2013 UNE Cotton Production Course

Commencement Date: February 2013 Completion Date: October 2014

CRDC Research Program: 4 People

Part 2 – Contact Details

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Date Submitted: ____________________________
Part 3 – Scholarship or Sponsorship Report

(Maximum two pages)

1. How has the course assisted you in your day to day working life?
The Cotton Production Course has been invaluable in providing me with a base of agronomic knowledge from which I build on every day. My role as RDO requires me to have a good understanding of cotton agronomy and related science in order to extend information to growers and consultants, and this course has provided me with this. I now understand how all the pieces of information I hear day to day fit together.

2. How has the course assisted you in your career path?
It has given me a leap forward in my understanding of cotton agronomy. It would have taken me a long time to learn the same amount simply by doing my job and picking up information along the way. It has also led me to continuing with the Master of Science in Agriculture to further build on my knowledge of the cotton system and research.

3. What was the most valuable thing you got out of the course?
A particularly valuable thing I got out of the course was a network of agronomists and other professionals who I completed the course with. I have learnt a great deal just from speaking with them at Residential Schools and have built relationships where we continue to share knowledge and ideas.

4. How will completing the course benefit the industry?
Given my improved understanding of fundamental cotton agronomy, I am now in a better position to do my job effectively – that is communicating new research and best practice information to growers and consultants. It is very difficult to extend information when you don’t have a good understanding of it yourself. I can now think critically and challenge the ideas that I come across.

5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry?
Every day I am sharing knowledge with my growers and consultants and this is only improved by having competed this course. I do this through newsletters, field days, workshops, email updates and in field trials.

6. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve the course?
A lot of the written course material is out of date, some by up to 10 years. I understand that the units were going to be updated last year so hopefully this has happened. The teachers and guest speakers provided up to date knowledge and information, but it would be really helpful to have this in the written course notes as well.

7. Please attach any supporting documentation or course completion transcript
As I haven’t yet graduated I don’t have a copy of my completion transcript. This is a screenshot of my Results page on myUNE. I can provide a copy of my transcript at the end of March.

Please email your report 30 days after course to: research@crdc.com.au