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## MEDIA RELEASE

### GIWA Oat and Barley Forums and Field Walks

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The Grain Industry Association of Western Australia Inc. (GIWA) will be hosting its annual Oat and Barley Field Walks and Forums next week. These events are open to all members in the grain industry,

The program for the two commodity based events are as follows:

#### 2015 GIWA Barley Forum and Field Walk - MERREDIN AND KELLERBERRIN

##### ***Barley Field Walk – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015***

The Barley Field Walk commences at 10:15am from the Doodlakine Store (Station Street, Doodlakine) and will include visits to trial sites around Kellerberrin and Merredin. The field visits will observe Systiva vs Uniform and N timing in barley, Sodic and Magnesian Soil R&D, STNB in barley, Yardstick Trial and NVT, Barley Agronomy, NGNE, MEF.

##### ***Barley Spring Forum - Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015***

The Barley Spring Forum is being held at DAFWA Merredin. The forum will discuss export market trends for barley, the GIWA Barley Standards Review 2015, barley variety rationalisation, barley agronomy and extension update, MRLs and chemical usage with the National Residue Survey.

#### 2015 GIWA Oat Forum and Field Walk - NARROGIN

##### ***Oat Spring Forum – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (9:00am – 1:00pm)***

The Oat Spring Forum is being held at the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre (50 Clayton Road, Narrogin). The forum will discuss export market trends for oat and oaten hay, oat breeding program update, oat agronomy and extension update, on farm storage and quality assurance and field walks at trial sites around Narrogin and Yornaning.

##### ***Oat Spring Field Walk – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (2:00pm – 4:30pm)***

The Oat Field walk commences at 2:00pm at the Long Season Hay Trial Site in Narrogin. The field visits will observe the long season hay trial, Oat NVT, pre-emergent herbicide, fungicide in oat trial site

GIWA holds public meetings each year in August in Western Australia to discuss market and seasonal developments and RD&E for wheat, barley, oilseeds, oats and pulses, connecting the market with growers, and highlighting topical issues for discussion in each commodity's value chain. GIWA works collaboratively to support the RD&E priorities of the GRDC, DAFWA, plant breeders, researchers and grower groups throughout the state.

For further information about commodity based forums and field walks visit: [www.giwa.org.au](http://www.giwa.org.au) or call: 08 6262 2128

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