



Annual Update

2022-2023

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Chair's Report

As presented at the GIWA AGM, 4 October 2023

Lyndon Mickel

Chair, GIWA Board

It seems like only yesterday, that I was congratulating the industry on setting a record harvest, and who would have anticipated that we would break that record 12 months later.

As we came out of restrictions from COVID, the GIWA team facilitated the GRDC Research Updates conference, with 630 participants meeting in person. We relished the opportunity to network face to face, and saw international delegations return to our shores. In partnership with AEGIC and CBH, we have been able to host and display the great industry that we are a part of. We once again consulted with industry to produce the annual Malt Barley Rationalisation Plan.

I must congratulate the state's grain industry, on setting a new record of 26 million tonne harvest in 2022-23, and especially CBH on receiving 23 million tonnes into their system. Given the issues that we had to contend with during what was a long wet drawn-out harvest, the harvest of 2022-23 will be one that is remembered for years to come.

However, on the downside we have seen the supply chain come under considerable pressure once again, given the sheer volume of grain needed to be sold and shipped. CBH have done an amazing job, once again breaking all-time records for grain movements. While it would be nice to have gone close to similar tonnes this coming 2023-24 harvest, the weather gods have ensured that we have come back to the norm, with significant areas of the state receiving well below average rainfall, resulting in a large reduction in the expected yields.

In some regions they have gone, "from feast to famine," and our thoughts are with everyone in those communities that will be impacted this year.

One of the common questions asked of GIWA has been how the organisation would coexist or merge with Grains Australia. As reported in WA's rural media, this was recently and publicly put to rest by John Woods, Chair of GRDC, when he stated that GIWA would remain a stand-alone organisation, with the ability to feed directly into the commodity councils of Grains Australia. This has been a position that the GIWA Board has also maintained, given the uniqueness of the structure and coverage of the whole of the supply chain in the grain industry that GIWA provides. So, we are here for the foreseeable future!



Acknowledgements

- Firstly, to all the council members that volunteer their time to sit on the commodity councils. I would like to thank you all, on behalf of GIWA for the contribution that you make to benefit the grain industry of Western Australia. Without your commitment, we would not have the strength, as an organisation, to perform the functions that we do. Thank you to those that are standing down from their positions on the commodity councils for your contribution and welcome to those that have been nominated to fill the vacancies. We look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.
 - To DPIRD, CBH, AEGIC and GRDC, your continued support of GIWA is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing to foster and grow our working relationships moving forward.
 - To our many fee-paying members, from individuals through to large corporations, your financial support of GIWA demonstrates your commitment to the grain industry and enables GIWA to undertake industry functions that benefit the entire industry. Your membership also paves the way for you and your employees to sit on the GIWA Commodity Councils, and on the GIWA Board. GIWA is very proud that it can offer a pathway for committed and knowledgeable people in our industry to gain experience operating at council and then board level.
 - We see many GIWA alumni going on to take national roles in the grain industry, such as Ash Wiese and Drew Robertson who now chair the Grains Australia Oat and Barley Councils respectively, and Bob Nixon, former GIWA Wheat Council Chair and GIWA Chair, is now a highly respected GRDC Board member. You, and the other GIWA Commodity Council members who hold important positions in national industry organisations, collectively ensure that our WA voice is heard by these organisations.
 - To Mike Lamond and his team, that put together the monthly GIWA Crop Report, you have created a report that is the envy of the rest of the Australian grain industry, something that is a real feather in the cap for GIWA. Thank you for your contribution.
 - I would like to acknowledge the passing of Steve Tilbrook, in late July. Steve was a long-standing member and Chair of the GIWA Barley Council, past director of CBH and past executive member and life member of SEPWA. He was always passionate about the grain industry and his local communities, and often at the end of a function would give a rousing rendition of the Lake King Football Club song with a beer in hand. I was lucky to spend time with Steve on both SEPWA and the Barley Council, and if it wasn't for him seeing something in me, and his guidance, I would not be in the position that I am today. Our condolences go out to his wife Wendy and their family, he will be missed but not forgotten.
 - To the staff, firstly to Rachel Nash, who left us back in June, after seven years of service to this wonderful organisation, a huge thank you for your contribution and friendship, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. To Nadia Geary, Margie Walkerden and Amanda Collett, who have joined the GIWA team, welcome on board and we look forward to working with you all. To Debbie Boxall, Ian Longson and Peter Nash, thank you for the passion that you have for the industry within which you work. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you all for the last twelve months, once again.
 - To my fellow board members, thank you for the faith that you have instilled in me to be your Chair. It has been truly humbling and an honour to be part of such a progressive organisation.
- Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will not be standing again as Chair and would like to thank everyone within the industry that I have been fortunate to meet and work alongside over the last two years. I am forever grateful for the opportunities and friendships made during this time and wish my successor all the best for their upcoming tenure.

GIWA Overview

Purpose and Strategy

GIWA's purpose is to promote an effective and efficient Western Australian grain industry.

GIWA's strategy is to facilitate communication and information exchange, industry good functions, capacity building and grain value chain solutions for the WA grain industry.

Industry Good Functions

On behalf of its supply chain members, GIWA provides support for pre-competitive, industry good functions for the WA grain industry through its core focus on:

- **Standards:** GIWA is caretaker of WA grain receival standards and works closely with Grain Trade Australia (GTA), the Australian Oilseeds Federation and Pulse Australia to manage those standards.
- **Trade and market access:** GIWA works to maintain and grow trade and market access both independently and as a member of GTA's Trade and Market Access Committee. GIWA, in partnership with Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH) and the Australian Export Grain Innovation Centre (AEGIC), manages the relationship with the Japanese and Korean noodle wheat markets.
- **Grain varietal classification:** GIWA was formerly responsible for national oat variety classification, but has now handed this responsibility to Grains Australia and is working with Grains Australia to develop and improve the classification system. GIWA contributes to wheat and barley variety classification via GIWA's Wheat and Barley Councils' contributions to and cross-membership of Grains Australia's Wheat and Barley Councils respectively.
- **Grain varietal rationalisation:** GIWA facilitates malting barley variety rationalisation in WA.
- **Industry engagement in grains RD&E:** GIWA's Commodity Councils and events such as the annual GIWA Forum and GIWA Barley Forum, provide a mechanism for the grain industry to

raise and resolve issues, and identify and pursue opportunities.

- **Phytosanitary, chemical residue, biosecurity and supply chain issues management.**
- **Pre-competitive trade and industry promotion.**
- **Value chain skills and capacity building.**

The GIWA Wheat, Barley, Oilseeds, Oats and Pulses Councils continue to pursue the objective of doubling the value of the WA grain industry by 2025, detailed in the 2015 industry informed WA Grain Industry Strategy 2025+.

2022-23 GIWA Board

Lyndon Mickel, Chair and GIWA Barley Council Chair

Tress Walmsley, Deputy Chair and Independent

Eamonn Lanagan, Treasurer

Ashley Wiese, GIWA Oat Council Chair

Peter Rees, GIWA Wheat Council Chair

Peter Bostock, GIWA Oilseeds Council Chair

Stephen Powles, GIWA Pulse Council Chair

Kellie Todman, Bulk Handling

Kerry Regan, Research & Development

Mark Narustrang, Independent

2022-23 Key GIWA Staff

Peter Nash, Executive Officer

Rachel Nash, Marketing and Communications Manager (departed GIWA in June 2023)

Amanda Collett, Marketing and Communications Manager (commenced in August 2023)

Ian Longson, Business Development Manager

Debbie Boxall, Program Manager

Nadia Geary, Administration Manager (commenced in November 2022)

Margie Walkerden, Bookkeeper (commenced in October 2022)

Membership

GIWA's members include researchers, plant breeders, seed producers and distributors, growers, grower groups, agronomists, farm business advisors, input service providers, domestic feed and food grain processors, bulk and container logistics service providers, and grain traders.

Membership numbers dropped slightly in 2022-23 to end the year with 99 financial members plus 7 honorary members. This slight drop in membership (down from 102 in 2021-22) was primarily due to 24 Individual members who appeared to be representing businesses being invited to move to the Small Corporate category. Most willingly accepted this or had justifiable reasons to remain in the Individual category. A small number declined to renew.

GIWA Commodity Councils

GIWA has five Commodity Councils, involving dedicated volunteers representing the whole of the grain value chain, who provide industry good support, advice and direction for the agronomic development, production, handling, processing, marketing and trading of WA grains.

GIWA Barley Council

The GIWA Barley Council met twice during 2022-23 and held its annual Barley Forum in July 2022.

This year, key issues addressed included:

- Malting barley variety rationalisation and segregation planning.
- Continued to pursue support to undertake definitive research on barley to determine an appropriate Falling Number or RVA standard that accurately predicts malt barley germination and storability.

Council members during 2022-23:

Chair	David Moody	Barley Breeder, InterGrain
Deputy Chair	Lyndon Mickel	Grower, Beaumont
Member	James Allen	Grain Marketer, GrainCorp
Member	Alex Barber	Trader, Bunge
Member	Mark Basic	Regional Technical & Quality Manager, Boortmalt
Member	Mal Bennett	Customer Relationship Manager, Emerald Grain
Member	Amanda Box	Barley Breeder, Seednet
Member	Grant Marshall	Grower, Lakes District
Member	Chayce Creedy	WA Procurement Manager, Mauri/Weston Animal Nutrition
Member	Mark Pontifex	Grain Marketer, MarketAg
Member	Drew Robertson	Senior Barley Trader, CBH
Member	Paul Telfer	Barley Breeder, AGT
Member	Mike Tempone	Director, GAPRA
Member	Sarah Woolford	Grower, York
Guest	Jack King	Barley and Oat Program Manager, AEGIC
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest	Blakely Paynter	Senior Research Officer, DPIRD

GIWA Wheat Council

During 2022-23, the GIWA Wheat Council formally met on three occasions and hosted a delegation from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (MAFF) in August 2022, and hosted a large delegation from the Japanese Flour Millers Association (JFMA) in May 2023. A sub-committee of the GIWA Wheat Council comprising the Wheat Council Chair, Deputy Chair and AEGIC and CBH representatives met on multiple other occasions to review noodle wheat deliveries (volume and quality) and provide advice to JFMA and MAFF.

Key issues addressed this year included:

- Ongoing management of the relationship with the Japanese and Korean noodle wheat markets, with a focus on certainty of supply and reducing dockage.
- Industry response to CBH's implementation of an ASW9 (ASW1 with >9% protein) trial grade for the 2022/23 harvest.

Council members during 2022-23:

Chair	Peter Rees	Grain Marketer, MarketAg
Deputy Chair	Tress Walmsley	CEO, InterGrain
Member	Michael Ahn	Wheat Trader
Member	Dion Bennett	Wheat Breeder and WA Manager, AGT
Member	James Foulsham	General Manager Marketing and Trading, AAAX
Member	Simon Gellert	Wheat Trader, Viterra (Glencore)
Member	Rebecca Kelly	Grower, Mingenew
Member	Chela Lamond	Grower Services Manager, GrainCorp
Member	Tracy Lefroy	Grower, Bindi Bindi
Member	Dick McCagh	WA State Manager, Emerald Grain
Member	Michael Schmidt	Head of Commodity, Mauri
Member	William Syers	Director, Bunge
Member	Tremayne Watts	Grains and Oilseeds Manager, Cargill
Guest	Larisa Cato	National Wheat Quality Technical Manager, AEGIC
Guest	Dion Nicol	Research Officer, Merredin, DPIRD
Guest (Proxy member)	Dale Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest (Proxy member)	Claire Shadbolt	Lead – Grain Quality and Sustainability, CBH

GIWA Oat Council

The GIWA Oat Council met twice during 2022-23 and had extensive involvement in the planning and delivery of the 11th International Oat Conference held in Perth in October 2022 along with the Processed Oat Partnership (POP).

The key issues addressed included:

- Ongoing involvement and input to the POP project.
- Continued to work closely with Grains Australia Ltd (GAL) and AEGIC to develop a fit-for-purpose oats classification system.
- Proposed to GAL that GAL adopt a sub-set of the GIWA Oat Council as the inaugural GAL Oat Council
- Lobbied GRDC to assist industry to increase the range of herbicides available to oat growers.
- Improved the accuracy of planting estimates for oats for hay, and oats for grain in the GIWA Crop Report
- Continued planning for then delivered the 11th International Oat Conference
- Successfully secured funding through POP to examine the relationship between hectolitre weight, thousand grain weight and CBH sampling methodology to find a better measure of grain quality.

Council members during 2022-23:

Chair	Ashley Wiese	Grower, Highbury
Deputy Chair	Anna-Lisa Newman	Grower, Varley, Karradale Trading
Member	Andrew Bolt	Director, Hay Australia
Member	Trent Butcher	Agronomist, ConsultAg
Member	Will Carrington-Jones	Grower, Kojonup, Warrenup Pastoral Co
Member	Chris Maughan	Supply Chain Manager, Quaker Oats Australia
Member	David Oates	Director, Demeter Cormack
Member	Jackson Morris	Premium Grain Handlers
Member	Garry Page	Organic Oat Grower, Pingelly, COBWA (Certified Organic and Biodynamic WA)
Member	Allan Rattey	Oat Breeder, InterGrain
Member	Dane Robertson	Trading Manager Protein and Oilseeds, Marketing Manager Oilseeds, Protein, Oats, CBH
Member	Michael Vaccari	General Manager Commercial, Unigrain
Member	Hilary Wittwer	Grower, Cuballing
Guest	Larisa Cato	Wheat Quality & Technician Markets Manager, AEGIC
Guest (Proxy Member)	Brent Hope	General Manager Operations, Unigrain
Guest	Jack King	Barley and Oat Program Manager, AEGIC
Guest (Proxy member)	John Orr	Director, Premium Grain Handlers
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest	Blakely Paynter	Senior Research Officer, DPIRD
Guest	Georgie Troup	Grower, Toodyay

GIWA Oilseeds Council

The GIWA Oilseeds Council met three times in 2022-23 and the key issues addressed by the council included:

- Ongoing involvement in addressing growers' concerns regarding certainty and timeliness of hybrid canola seed supply.
- Managing increasing snail numbers in canola deliveries.
- Involvement in national response to leverage growers not to apply haloxyfop to canola as EU export market is at risk.

Council members during 2022-23:

Chair	Peter Bostock	Sales and Technical Manager – Southern WA, Pioneer Brand Products
Deputy Chair	Jon Slee	General Manager, Alba Edible Oils
Member	Matt Aubert	Lupin Breeder, AGT
Member	Reece Curwen	Tooraweenah Pastoral Company, Grower, South Stirlings
Member	Paula Eley	Grain Marketer, GrainCorp
Member	Nick Goddard	CEO, Australian Oilseeds Federation
Member	Andrew Heinrich	Technical Specialist – Granola, Advanta Seeds
Member	Michael Lamond	CEO Research Agronomist, SLR Agriculture
Member	David Peake	Commercial Manager – Broadacre, RAGT
Member	Chris Tonkin	Director, Ten Tigers
Member	Hugh Trenorden	Western Australia Regional Manager, Bayer
Member	Jane Wardle	Grain Quality and Sustainability Manager, CBH
Guest	Jackie Bucat	Canola Research & Extension Communications Manager, DPIRD
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH

GIWA Pulse Council

The GIWA Pulse Council held three meetings during 2022-23 and the key issues addressed by the council included:

- Worked with DPIRD and lupin processors on the DPIRD Lupin Taskforce, which is assisting lupin food processors to collaborate in a pre-competitive manner to promote and market lupins for human food.
- Initiated discussions with CBH re. potential to aggregate pulses in the CBH system.

Council members during 2022-23:

Chair	Steve Powles	Grower, Kojonup and Emeritus Professor, UWA School of Agriculture and Environment
Member	Matt Aubert	Lupin Breeder, AGT
Member	Henry Davis	Commodity Manager, Mauri/George Weston Foods
Member	Nick Goddard	CEO, Pulse Australia
Member	Alan Meldrum	Regional Co-Ordinator WA, Grain Growers Ltd
Member	Jackson Morris	Trader, Premium Grain Handlers
Member	David Tabah	Pulse Breeder, InterGrain
Member	Neil Wandel	Grower, Esperance Quality Grains
Member	Jane Wardle	Grain Quality and Sustainability Manager, CBH
Member	Ben Webb	Grower, Boyup Brook
Guest (Proxy Member)	John Orr	Director, Premium Grain Handlers
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest	Mary Raynes	Markets Manager, AEGIC
Guest	Mark Seymour	Senior Researcher, DPIRD
Guest	Greg Shea	Senior Researcher, DPIRD

Key Achievements 2022-23

GRDC Grains Research Updates 2023

GIWA is contracted to deliver the GRDC Research Updates West events until 2024.

After considerable COVID related disruptions in preceding years, the 2023 GRDC Research Updates Perth conference returned to a fully face-to-face event. Attendance was over 630, an all-time record.

Five regional Research Updates events were also delivered in March at Albany, Bencubbin, Dalwallinu, Hopetoun and Northampton.



GIWA/AEGIC WA Grain Industry Dinner

The annual Grains Industry Dinner, co-funded by AEGIC, was held in February at Crown Perth in conjunction with the GRDC Research Updates. Minister Jarvis, CEOs and Chairs of the major grain industry organisations, and senior DPIRD and staff also attended. This annual dinner provides a forum for Western Australian and national grain industry body leaders to meet, build relationships and discuss issues of national and state importance.



2023 GIWA Breakfast

GIWA was unable to hold its annual GIWA Breakfast, timed to coincide with the GRDC Research Updates, in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to COVID restrictions. We were therefore very pleased to hold the 2023 GIWA Breakfast at Crown Perth in February featuring keynote speakers Hon. Jackie Jarvis MLC and Michael Whitehead, Director of Agribusiness Industry Insights for ANZ. 93 people attended the breakfast.



2022 GIWA AGM

Held at The Westin Hotel on the same day preceding the GIWA Forum, the 2022 GIWA AGM attracted around 40 GIWA Members both in person and online. At the AGM, the motion was carried to increase membership fees, for the first time in six years.



Eamonn Lanagan, GIWA Treasurer at the 2022 AGM

2022 GIWA Forum

The GIWA Forum is the Western Australian grain industry's peak annual thought leadership event. Attracting 140 guests, the opening address was provided by the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC.

Keynote speakers, Dr John Ackerman, Grains Australia, Dr Michael Robertson, CSIRO, Pia van Wyngaard, CBH and Professor Ross Kingswell, AEGIC, discussed the role of Western Australia's grain industry in national and global food security. Presentations were followed by a panel discussion chaired by GIWA Board member Mark Narustrang. Following the formalities of the evening, guests networked over refreshments and canapes.



11th International Oat Conference

Originally planned for delivery in 2020 but thwarted by COVID-19, the 11th International Oat Conference was delivered by GIWA in October 2022. This consisted of a full-day field day in York, three days of conference proceedings at Crown Perth, a conference dinner, and an additional day of optional workshops. 160 delegates attended in-person and 68 participated virtually, with delegates represented from Australia, NZ, UK, Europe, Canada, USA, South America and Asia.

The International Oat Conference was a major undertaking for GIWA, with COVID travel restrictions impacting delegates ability to attend in person and increasing the workload associated with delivering live and virtual presentations and virtual participation by remote delegates. Rachel Nash and Debbie Boxall are to be particularly singled out for praise for the long hours they put in at night and on weekends preparing for and then running the event. Our thanks also go to Ash Wiese, the GIWA Oat Council and friends of GIWA that formed the Oat Conference Program Committee and Steering Committee, who contributed many hours as volunteers.



2022 Barley Forum and Malt Barley Rationalisation Plan

The 2022 GIWA Barley Forum held in July 2022 at Optus Stadium was attended by 80 in-person and virtual participants. This very successful event took a five - ten year look into the future at the global barley market outlook and key factors driving breeding, classification and agronomy. A facilitated session discussed the draft malting barley rationalisation plan and gained industry agreement on the plan. This was subsequently released to the public as the Malt Barley Receival Recommendations for the 2023-24 harvest. The Barley Forum concluded with presentations from a boutique, regional brewery and a beer judge, with participants tasting and critiquing various beer styles under the guidance of the beer judge. The Forum received widespread rural media coverage.



2022 Barley Forum - Judging a beer

Processed Oat Partnership

The State Government has committed \$10.12 million over four years to the [Processed Oat Industry Growth Partnership](#), referred to as the POP by industry stakeholders. This industry-led partnership provided a foundation for the growth of the oat industry in WA, both in value and volume, over the next 20 years. GIWA, through the GIWA Oat Council, are the lead program partners and advisors, providing a communications portal between stakeholders. The POP aims to increase the WA production of processed oats, grain yield and hectares sown. Some additional information is available [here](#)

Eleven POP funded projects are now well underway, the 11th International Oat Conference was delivered by GIWA in October 2022 with POP funding support, a 2024 POP funded Nuffield Scholarship has been awarded, and POP Industry Grants applications have been invited from oat processors and value adders.

Standards Review

GIWA again undertook a Standards Review process in 2023. This resulted in one submission being received from a grower group seeking a significant relaxation of snail tolerances for canola receival standards. This was not supported. The Final Industry Advice Notice that provides additional detail can be found here. As a consequence of the 2022 Standards Review, the colour (brightness) standard for Barley will be removed, effective as at the 2023-24 harvest.

Renegotiation of CBH Agreement for 2023 to 2026

GIWA has successfully negotiated a further agreement with CBH, which demonstrates that GIWA continues to deliver value to CBH. This agreement is for two years, with an option for a third year, providing greater security and efficiencies than the previous cycle of two-year agreements. We are very grateful to CBH for its ongoing support and to the many other CBH staff that contribute to GIWA's activities, in particular Kellie Todman.

GIWA Crop Report

The GIWA Crop Report agronomic advisory panel and GIWA Crop Report consulting author Mike Lamond continues to make highly valuable contributions to GIWA's member services through the monthly GIWA Crop Report. Under its services agreement with DPIRD, GIWA produced ten reports per year. The highly sought-after GIWA Crop Report is now made available to members approximately 24 hours before it is released to the media and the general public, and must be accessed via the GIWA website. This allows tracking of how frequently the Crop Report is being accessed, and by who, giving us valuable information on who is using the Crop Report and potentially identifying people and organisations that can be targeted to become members of GIWA.

The 2023 Grain Season – Crop potential turned around dramatically in four days

The recent rainfall across the grainbelt of Western Australia has topped up crops in the central regions and other areas where crops were up. This is the "break" growers were waiting for in the drier regions to the north and south of the state.

The rainfall across the majority of the WA grainbelt over the last week, has transformed the season's grain production potential from one of below average, to at least average or above average. A week ago, emerged crops were showing signs of moisture stress and much of the northern and southern grainbelt was dusty and brown. These rainfall events will germinate crops that were sown dry, and those that had emerged will now take off and have reasonable yield potential.

The northern third of the state's grain growing regions were looking down the barrel of a very poor year up until last week, with few crops emerged and low levels of subsoil moisture. That has since changed with several good falls of rain over several days, in some cases exceeding the average rainfall for the whole of June. The year to date (YTD) rainfall for the whole state, excluding those in the eastern edges of the grainbelt, is now at levels where reasonable tonnages of production are possible.

The "jump" in crops that were up prior to the rains is noticeable, and these crops will recover grain yield potential that was fading during May. The whole of the Kwinana South zone, and the southern portion of the Kwinana Northeast zone are now in nearly as good a shape as this time last year.

The northern portion of the Kwinana Northeast zone and the Geraldton zone are back in the race for average grain yield potential, although these regions are going to need more good winter rains for this to occur.

The west and southern portion of the Albany port zone is behind in growth stages compared to this time in 2022 and have less subsoil moisture reserves. The Lakes district is well behind where it was in 2022, with the majority of crops emerging only on the recent rains. This is not too late for average grain yield potential to be achieved but as much of the crop will be at a similar growth stage, even though later than last season, could mean frost will have a greater impact over a wider area.

The Esperance zone was in desperate need of the recent rains, and the coverage over the region was patchy, with some of the drier areas unfortunately missing out once again. The subsoil moisture reserves from harvest are still there, and the later sown and emerged crops will now be able to get their roots down into it.

2023 Season GIWA June WA Crop Area Estimates (hectares)

Port zone	Wheat	Barley	Canola	Oats	Lupins	Pulses	State total
Kwinana	2,600,000	560,000	860,000	90,000	130,000	10,000	4,250,000
Albany	500,000	590,000	470,000	110,000	30,000	8,000	1,708,000
Esperance	540,000	280,000	340,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	1,210,000
Geraldton	990,000	110,000	175,000	5,000	80,000	2,000	1,362,000
Totals	4,630,000	1,540,000	1,845,000	215,000	260,000	40,000	8,530,000

GIWA gratefully acknowledges the support of DPIRD, CBH, DAS and contributions from independent agricultural consultants and agronomists in the production of this report.

Delegations and Consultations

Now that COVID related travel restrictions have eased, national and international organisations have begun returning to WA. GIWA hosted delegations from and/or provided briefings to the following organisations in the last 12 months.

GIWA hosted delegations from the following organisations in the last 12 months:

- 5 person delegation from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (MAFF) in August 2022
 - Jointly received by GIWA, AEGIC & CBH.
 - Focus was on quality (particularly as 2022 was shaping up to be a low protein year), continuity of noodle wheat supply, and dockage levels in noodle wheat shipments.
- 14 person delegation from the Japanese Flour Millers Association (JFMA) and the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (MAFF) in May 2023
 - Jointly received by GIWA, AEGIC & CBH
 - Focus was on continuity of noodle wheat supply and dockage levels in noodle wheat shipments.

In-person briefings:

- The Hon. Jackie Jarvis, Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; Small Business
- Indonesian Consul-General (Perth), Listiana Operanata
- Australian Consul-General in Kolkata, Rowan Ainsworth
- Special Representative for Australian Agriculture, Su McCluskey
- POSCO (Korea)

Virtual briefings:

- State Treasury
- Commonwealth Treasury



MAFF Delegation Visit



Council of Grain Grower Organisations (COGGO)

GIWA continued to provide administrative services to COGGO during 2022-23. Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd (COGGO) is a public company limited by guarantee, with a mandate to invest in Research and Development for the benefit of grain growers in Western Australia. For more information, please visit <http://www.coggo.net.au/>.



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