



# ADVISOR

Northampton Agri Services Newsletter

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## Changes in the store

By now many of you will know I am now operating as an Agronomist for CRT in Northampton. Alongside Rick, Kerry, Damien and Craig I hope to offer our customers an agronomy service that is reliable, local and available for many years to come. At this stage I will be operating out of the old hardware store next to Home Hardware, and intend to catch up with everyone over the next month or so. During this time, if you would like to get in touch please call on 0477 707 227.

## Newsletter

I aim to release an edition of Agri Advisor every month, with the main vision to inform our customers on the happenings within the store, give updates on fertilizer and chemical supply issues, educate all on new products and use patterns, and brief you on what trials I may be working on and their results.

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# Soil Sampling

Soil testing is an essential component of any cropping program and NAS encourages all farmers to sample their paddocks in order to gain an indication of their soil nutrient availability.

Over the last few weeks Damien & Craig have been busy finishing up some soil sampling for a number of our customers. If you are only just getting back from holidays and are wanting to get some sites tested, please let us know by calling the store on 99341004 or Leigh on 0477 707 227

## Summer Spraying

Melons come rain, hail or shine. After the recent summer rains, I have been taking quite a few questions regarding summer spraying. For those of you that managed to hold off on spraying, with the weather we have been experiencing a further germination should be just around the corner. In saying that, if you need to spray because you have melons vining and growing moon sized fruit, then get out there and get spraying because uncontrolled heavy weed infestations now can lead to reductions in soil moisture, nitrogen and overall crop yield

The most common question we get every summer is “what should I spray with.” To give you the best answer, it is always best to know what we are playing with, so below I have compiled a quick guide you can follow so you can get back on that sprayer.

Herbicide & Rate /ha	Approx cost \$/ha	Afghan Melons	Paddy Melons	Mintweed	Roly Poly	Cal-trop	Wireweed	0.25% Li 700	0.2% Wetter	1% S.O.A	Grazing WHP
Glyphosate 450 @ 1 - 1.5 ltr/ha	\$4.50 - \$6.75	*	*	*	**	**	*	x	x	x	1
Roundup DST 470 @ 950ml - 1.44 ltr/ha	\$5.35 - \$8.11	*	*	*	**	**	*	x	x	x	1
Glyphosate 450 @ 1 - 1.5	\$4.50 - \$6.75	*	*	*	**	**	*	xxx	x	x	1
+ Garlon @ 65 - 130ml/ha	\$5.67 - \$9.15	***	***	**	**	**	*	x	x	x	1
+ LV Ester 680 @ 300 - 600ml/ha	\$6.74 - \$11.23	**	**	***	*	*	**	x	x	x	7
+ LV Ester 680 @ 400 + Garlon 65 - 130ml	\$8.66 - \$12.08	***	***	***	**	**	**	x	x	x	7
+ LV Ester 680 @ 400 + Garlon 65 - 130ml + Metsulfuron @ 5gm	\$8.73 - \$12.15	***	***	***	***	***	***	x	x	x	
Glyphosate 450 @ 1 - 1.5 + Metsulfuron 5gm/ha	\$4.58 - \$6.82	*	*	**	**	***	***	x	x	x	1
Glyphosate 450 @ 1 - 1.5 ltr + Striker 100- 200ml	\$6.04 - \$9.84	**	**	**	**	**	**	x	x	x	XX
+ 2,4 D Amicide Advance @ 715ml - 1 l/ha	\$9.31 - \$12.00	**	**	***	*	*	*	x		x	7
+ 2,4 D Amicide Advance @ 715ml + Garlon 65 - 130ml	\$9.59 - \$13.01	***	***	***	**	**	**	x		x	7
+ LV Ester 680 @ 600 - 1.3 ltr/ha	\$8.98 - \$11.23	**	**	***	*	*	*	x		x	7
+ LV Ester 680 @ 600 - 1.3 ltr/ha + Garlon 65 - 130ml	\$9.27 - \$13.57	***	***	***	**	**	**	x		x	7

## Key Points

- ◆ Only use Metsulfuron (Ally) pre wheat, as any SU applied to paddocks being sown to canola or lupin will cause damage. Also be cautious of any winter cereals undersown with a legume pasture
- ◆ Be cautious of plantbacks for LV ester 680 pre lupins, this is set at 28 days after first rainfall event.
- ◆ Summer weeds use available stored moisture and nutrients that would otherwise be available to the following winter crop
- ◆ Try your best to keep weeds small, salvage operations can be expensive and time consuming. No one likes blocking up their gear during seeding
- ◆ Use ammonium sulphate at 1% regardless of the glyphosate you are using

## Grower Meeting

The month of February is a very busy one for agronomists and store managers. Recently CRT and RuralCo held their agronomy updates in Perth and we would like to pass on some of this information and some of the information we are yet to learn at the upcoming GIWA crop updates to you, our customers. We plan to run our own grower meeting at the Northampton Golf Club on the 10th March from 3:30PM-5:00PM with a few drinks afterwards

The GIWA Crop Updates, for those interested, are being held on the 24th & 25th of February and a car from CRT will be heading down. So if you would like to come along jump on the GIWA website, register, book your accommodation and let Leigh know if you would like to join him in heading down.

[www.giwa.org.au/2015-crop-updates](http://www.giwa.org.au/2015-crop-updates)

## CHS and Agfarm. Who are they?

Last year, and more recently you may have heard or seen grain bids from a player in the market that you have previously not heard of before. CHS is an independent, farmer owned co-operative with a strong focus on helping growers and a tradition of partnership throughout its network. CHS Inc. is Fortune 100 business owned by United States agricultural co-operatives, farmers, ranchers, and thousands of preferred stock holders. CHS own and operate various food processing and wholesale businesses, farm supply Cenex brand fuel, financial services and retail businesses, and is a co-owner of Ventura Foods, a vegetable oil processor.

On the 25th July 2013, Agfarm announced the formation of a new joint venture between Ruralco Holdings Limited (Ruralco) and CHS Incorporated (CHS). The new joint venture will become 100 per cent owners in the Agfarm business. Agfarm will continue with the same grower focus and commitment to improving outcomes for their clients.

As a marketer of more than 50 million tonnes of grain and oilseed annually, CHS will provide Agfarm with global grain intelligence, strong marketing expertise and broader export opportunities, to benefit our growers. It will also provide the support to enable us to develop even better services and more innovative products, like the Agfarm Accelerate product that has recently been advertised.

Our grower meeting on the 10th March will have a presentation from the grain marketing arm of CHS so if you would like to know more make sure you come along. Until then, feel free to contact Leigh on 0477 707 228 to learn more.



# AgChem Supply

Supply of all summer chemicals; glyphosate, amines, esters and garlon are all good, and all our pre emergent chemicals, are on their way into store.

With the aussie dollar coming lower you could expect glyphosate and pre emergent commodity chemicals to increase slightly over the next month or so, so if you are yet to put in your order please feel free to get in contact with Rick or Leigh

## 2015 Seeding Points



Maxipoint are currently running 10% off all orders placed by the end of February, so if you are looking to update any worn out points get in to the store soon and place your order.



We can also supply all your Primary Sales points. Freight on us.



As well as carrying all your automotive supplies, Hasleby's are now stockists of the agricultural range of filters, covering most farm machinery. For more information please speak to Rick, Damian or Craig.



# Axles Adventures

From time to time I may give you all an update on our rehomed adopted goat Axle, who gets up to a whole lot of mischief out on the farm. Axle and his mate Billie the blue heeler were adopted from the team at Geraldton Dog Rescue (who do a fantastic job) over a year ago. Axle and Billie were found roaming the streets of Utaarra together and have been inseparable ever since.. One day I was informed that GDR had a Heeler up for adoption on their site and I jumped at the chance to grab her. But, there was a catch. The team at GDR preferred Billie and Axle to be rehomed together. This is pictorial story of Axles Adventures.

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