

# Cotton Seed Distributors

Cotton Seed Distributors provides the Australian cotton industry with the best seed, germplasm, treatments and biotechnology traits to deliver world leading yield and quality.



# INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS BEYOND SEED





# About CSD

CSD has been supplying quality cotton planting seed to the Australian cotton industry since 1967. CSD was formed through the vision of Australia's foundation cotton growers and remains committed to the success of today's industry.

CSD is a major investor in cotton breeding, research and development, having developed a long and successful partnership with the CSIRO Cotton Breeding Program.

CSD's objective is to deliver elite varieties that are specifically bred and adapted to suit local growing conditions by delivering yield and quality outcomes to keep the Australian cotton industry at the premium end of the global fibre market.

On behalf of the industry, CSD takes an active role in the development and licensing of best in class biotechnology traits and seed treatments that add value to the overall performance of CSD varieties and to Australian growers.

CSD also conducts large scale replicated trials focussed on new varieties, technologies and techniques to assess performance across diverse environmental conditions; and provides industry wide extension services focused on cotton production and agronomy via the CSD Extension and Development (E&D) Agronomy team and CottonInfo joint venture, in partnership with CRDC and Cotton Australia.

# Our vision

CSD is continually evolving to meet the future challenges and opportunities of the Australian cotton industry. Our Strategic Plan is focussed on increasing industry yield by two bales per hectare by the year 2020, and improving dryland cotton productivity by 20%.

Our long-term aim is to develop closer relationships and better communication with our cotton grower customers and partner organisations who service these customers, professionally delivering and servicing CSD's products.



# Powerful partnerships

CSD has had a long-standing relationship with CSIRO through the development and release of over one hundred different cotton varieties since the 1970s.

In 2007, CSD and CSIRO formed Cotton Breeding Australia (CBA), a joint venture to fund long-term cotton breeding research projects. Over \$125 million has been equally invested toward the research and breeding of future cotton varieties for Australia.

Through the CSD Agency Network, CSD also partners with leading agricultural chemical suppliers to distribute our seed and information to growers.

## Commercial partners



## Industry partners



## Campaigns and collaboration

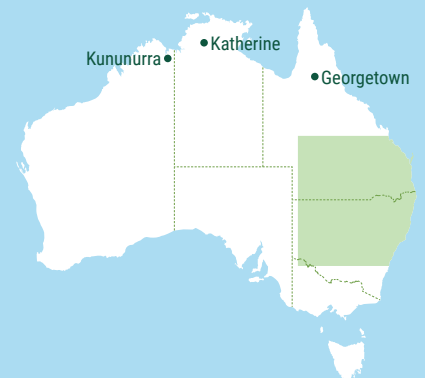


# Our facilities

In 2017, CSD commenced a \$90 million redevelopment of the existing cotton seed processing facilities at Wee Waa, NSW, updating and upgrading existing equipment to expand capacity for a growing cotton industry. These expanded facilities will enable CSD to supply cotton planting seed for up to one million hectares of dryland and irrigated cotton in any one season.

The new facilities include a cotton seed processing plant fitted with world leading delinting and treating technology, a laboratory, administration complex and expanded seed storage facilities.

The new facilities are supported by CSD's research farm; comprising 663 hectares of irrigated farming country used for early generation seed increase, cotton crop research and technology demonstration; as well as an office and warehouse complex in Dalby, QLD.



## Variety and agronomy trials

CSD has also invested heavily in extension and development, through a comprehensive variety and agronomic research trial program conducted by a dedicated Extension and Development (E&D) team strategically located throughout the major cotton growing regions.

The CSD trials program aims to help growers make the best variety and agronomic and management decisions, based on local and cross-industry research, and are part of CSD's Strategic Plan to increase industry yield by two bales per hectare by 2020 and improve dryland cotton productivity by 20%.





# CSD Ambassador Network Program

The CSD Ambassador Network Program is an initiative of the CSD Extension & Development team that aims to boost the identification, extension and adoption of crop growth and management practices which assist the delivery of CSD's five year strategic plan goal of increasing cotton lint yields by two bales per hectare by 2020.

A key focus of the Ambassador Network program is the interaction of management techniques and conditions which result in the more efficient production of consistent high yielding crops. Through the program, CSD's E&D team collaborate with growers and other industry co-operators to develop a network of commercial scale field or trial sites across each of the major cotton growing regions, which are intensively monitored throughout the season, the crop data analysed and benchmarked, and the findings communicated to the industry.

## Information delivery

CSD has developed a number of practical, data based tools available on our website [www.csd.net.au](http://www.csd.net.au), including a soil temperature network, weather station network and variety performance tool.

For over 20 years, CSD has conducted the Cotton Management Tour (formerly the Cotton Information Tour) to deliver regionally specific variety trial and management information to growers across each of the major cotton growing regions. This is supported by many local variety and agronomic trial field days and field walks each season, as well as a showcase of the research trials underway each season at CSD Farms.



Website tools



Management tour



Field walks



Research trials



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