



2023 GROWER INFORMATION GUIDE



ABOUT COTTON SEED DISTRIBUTORS

Cotton Seed Distributors (CSD) has been supplying quality cotton planting seed to the Australian cotton industry since 1967, formed through the vision of Australia's foundation cotton growers. We remain committed to the success of today's industry.

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

Our objective is to deliver elite cotton 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 market.

On behalf of the industry, we take 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 our varieties and to Australian growers.

We also conduct large scale replicated trials focused on new varieties, technologies and agronomic techniques to assess performance across diverse environmental conditions, and provide industry wide extension services focused on cotton production and agronomy via the CSD Extension Team. CSD Extension is comprised of Extension and Development (E&D) Agronomists and CottonInfo Regional Extension Officers (CottonInfo is a joint venture between CSD, CRDC and Cotton Australia).



GROWER INFORMATION

THE CSD COTTON PLANTING SEED AGREEMENT

The CSD Cotton Planting Seed Agreement (Grower Agreement) is an annual agreement that sets out the rights and responsibilities of both parties in respect to the supply and stewardship of CSD products. It is necessary for growers to have an effective Grower Agreement in place prior to arranging for the supply of any CSD cotton planting seed and it covers all CSD commercial cultivars. Grower Agreements are managed between growers and agents.

COTTON PLANTING SEED PROGRAMS

CSD has Early Order and Regular Order programs for this season.

CSD COTTON CULTIVARS

CSD will continue to supply a full range of commercial cultivars including conventional cotton. In 2023, we continue with cultivars containing Bollgard® 3 technology as well as cultivars containing the Roundup Ready Flex® trait.

TRANSPARENT SEED PRICING PROGRAMS

Cotton planting seed prices are based on our Early Order and Regular Order programs this season. CSD will also offer growers extended payment terms with these programs to assist growers to better manage the business cycle.

FLEXIBLE ORDERING

CSD will supply the bulk of planting seed orders from Wee Waa and Dalby. We also maintain a network of strategically located depots to maintain our responsiveness. The CSD Agency Network will assist in providing critical logistics support to ensure growers receive cotton planting seed as required.

SEED TREATMENTS

The full complement of seed treatments is available in 2023. This includes Vibrance Complete®, Cruiser® and Cruiser Extreme® from Syngenta; and Genero® 600 from eChem.

800KG PACKAGING

800kg bags of Sicot 746B3F, Sicot 748B3F, Sicot 606B3F and Sicot 714B3F in all seed treatment combinations are available. 800kg bag orders will be accepted for early order programs only.

OUR VARIETIES

The following varieties are available for the 2023-24 cotton season:

Technology	Variety	Full Season	Late Plant	Fusarium	Vert	Dryland	Semi-irrigated
Bollgard®3 stacked with Roundup Ready Flex®	Sicot 714B3F	...	...		...	...	..
	Sicot 746B3F	...	.	..		.
	Sicot 748B3F	...	.	..		...	...
	Sicot 606B3F	...	...		...
Roundup Ready Flex®	Sicot 711RRF	..	..				..
	Sicot 812RRF	...	.			..
Conventional	Sicot 620	...	.		
	Siokra 250	...	.		

For the most up to date variety trial data head to www.csd.net.au/variety-trials or scan the QR code.



SEED TREATMENTS

All commercial cotton planting seed supplied by CSD has a base fungicide applied as approved by the Australian Disease Treatment Standard. Adding an insecticide treatment provides both seed and seedling protection from a range of economically important diseases and insects, which may reduce the final establishment of cotton crops.



For a full list of available seed treatments visit www.csd.net.au/seed-treatments.



2023 PRICE LISTS

Our Early Order and Regular Order seed prices are reviewed annually.

View 2023 pricing information at www.csd.net.au/seed-price

SEED ORDER PROCEDURE

1. Agent enters order via www.csd.net.au
2. CSD sends confirmation or contacts the agent to discuss the order.
3. Unless CSD is notified of errors/changes the order becomes IRREVOCABLE 24 hours after confirmation.
4. Complete a CSD Grower Agreement with your agent prior to seed delivery

Visit our website for more information on:

- Early orders
- Regular orders
- Irrevocable orders
- 800kg packaging
- Payment terms
- Bayer traits
- Product codes
- Goods and services tax (GST)
- How to order seed guide
- Grower Agreement Terms and Conditions

Scan me or head to www.csd.net.au/order-seed



CALENDAR OF KEY DATES

YEAR	DUE DATE	EVENT
2023	● 21 June	Early Order #1 closes, for despatch of seed between 24 July and 31 August 2023
	● 19 July	Early Order #2 closes, for despatch of seed between 11 September and 30 November 2023
	✓ July- October	CSD Growing Better Mastering Cotton Forums
	■ 1 August	Entries open for the 2023 FastStart™ Cotton Establishment Awards (www.faststartcotton.com)
	● 25 October	Early Order #3 closes, for despatch of seed between 1 December and 15 December 2023
2024	▶ 30 November	Payment due for Early Order #1 and #2
	▶ 31 March	Payment due for Early Order #3

COLOUR KEY

- ✓ CSD Events
- Seed Order deadlines
- ▶ Seed Order Payment deadlines
- FastStart™ Cotton Establishment Awards

CSD AMBASSADOR NETWORK PROGRAM

This 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 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 cotton growing regions. These sites are intensively monitored throughout the season, the crop data analysed and benchmarked, and the findings communicated to the industry.

Eight seasons of data (to date) in the CSD Ambassador Network Program has enabled comparisons to be made across different districts, climatic conditions and management types. Additionally, the data set can be broken into yield performance to compare the similar characteristics of high yielding crops.

CSD have partnered with CSIRO on the Genetics x Environment x Management program, which provides further analytics of the data in the interaction of these elements using machine learning.

To become part of the CSD Ambassador Network or CSD CROP Program, talk to your local Extension and Development Agronomist.

Key learnings from the CSD Ambassador Network Program are extended to the Australian cotton industry through a number of publications including the Ambassador Advocate Newsletter, Ambassador Conference, and Ambassador Network Season Summary.

THIS PARTNERSHIP HAS SEEN THE CREATION OF THE DIGITAL SERVICES INITIATIVE, WHICH UTILISES THE DATA AND ANALYTICS OF THE CSD AMBASSADOR NETWORK PROGRAM TO DEVELOP TOOLS AND CALCULATORS THAT ASSIST AUSTRALIAN COTTON GROWERS AND CONSULTANTS IN THEIR DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING:



**STIMULATED TIME
TO ESTIMATED FIRST
FLOWER (STEFF®)**



**BIOMETRIC AGRONOMY
FOR REALISING YIELD
(BARRY®)**



**DAY DEGREE
CALCULATOR**



Why cotton is the crop to pick



Higher gross margins

Cotton provides high gross margins



Simplified weed & pest control

Biotechnology in cotton allows for less insecticides



Greater flexibility

Greater flexibility in planting windows enables optimum planting schedules



Less risk

Advances in breeding and biotech have reduced risk



Marketing opportunities

Forwarding options and the small size of the domestic market

More and more Australian growers are discovering the benefits of including cotton in their crop rotations. If you've been thinking about joining them, the Acres of Opportunity website is a great place to start.

www.acresofopportunity.com.au



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FASTSTART™ COTTON PROGRAM

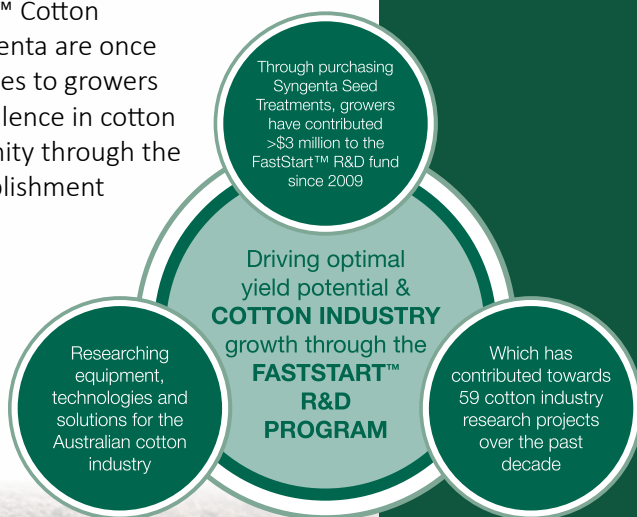
A partnership between CSD and Syngenta aimed at enhancing the establishment and subsequent yield potential of Australian cotton crops through targeted research.

The Program is funded through a contribution from the sale of CSD seed treated with Syngenta Seedcare™ solutions. Through the purchase of cotton seed, growers have contributed more than \$3 million to the FastStart Research and Development Fund since 2009. This has supported more than 50 research projects focused on crop establishment challenges; developing technologies, chemistry and management solutions for the Australian cotton industry.

FASTSTART COTTON ESTABLISHMENT AWARDS

As part of the FastStart™ Cotton Program, CSD and Syngenta are once again offering great prizes to growers who are achieving excellence in cotton plant stand and uniformity through the FastStart™ Cotton Establishment Awards.

Simply take and upload a photo of yourself with your cotton crop, and complete some information on your planting rates and establishment details.



For more information on FastStart™ and the FastStart™ Cotton Establishment Awards head to faststartcotton.com.au



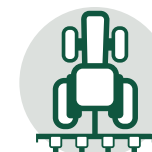
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CSD AGRONOMY AND DIGITAL TOOLS

ALL CURRENT CSD MEMBERS have exclusive access to CottonTracka and the range of digital agronomy tools right now using your CSD Membership login credentials. Visit www.csd.net.au/tools for more information.



VARIETY PERFORMANCE COMPARISON



DRYLAND ROW CONFIGURATION PERFORMANCE TOOL



COTTON PLANTING RATE CALCULATOR



GOT THE GREEN LIGHT FOR COTTON PLANTING?



FASTSTART® SOIL TEMPERATURE NETWORK



BARRY®



STEFF®



DAY DEGREE CALCULATOR



COTTONTRACKA®

COTTON SEED DISTRIBUTORS MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP THAT PROVIDES VALUE BEYOND SEED



Comprehensive variety and agronomic trial data and analysis.



A range of online agronomy tools and applications.



Extension resources including newsletters, videos and guides.



Discover greater information and innovations through CSD membership.



Scan the QR code for more information and become a member today!

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COMING SOON
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The CSD Extension team aims to deliver highly specific, targeted knowledge and information to cotton growers and industry which drives beneficial practice change to Australian cotton growers.

So, if you want to discuss your growing options, find out more information on our tools, get access to the latest trial data, or simply talk about all things cotton, give your local Extension team member a call today.

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