

GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



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TOPIC: GIAV Crop Tour – Sponsored by Perkins & Co Resources

DISTRIBUTION: GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.

1. Status Update

- GIAV are hosting their annual crop tour of grain-growing regions of Victoria and the Riverina on the 17 & 18 October 2018.
- Please see the flyer on the following page.
- To download the registration form, click [here](#).

GIAV Crop Tour - Sponsored by Perkins & Co Resources

Wed 17 & Thurs 18 October 2018

Background

With east coast grain production more critical than ever, a lot is riding on the size of the southern crop. The GIAV will be hosting a 2-day Crop Tour of grain growing regions in Victoria and the Riverina on 17 & 18 October 2018. Your attendance will give you first hand knowledge of yield and production potential of wheat and barley crops in southern NSW and Victoria and valuable industry networking.

A program suited to 30 to 60 participants has been modeled from similar tours undertaken in the US and is suited to Grain Industry Association Victoria members, traders, millers, brokers, students and grain analysts.



Logistics:

- You will meet in Bendigo on Tuesday the evening prior to the tour for a dinner briefing when you will be acquainted with crop estimating techniques and your tour groups
- To travel to and from Bendigo, you can drive, take a train or transport can be arranged with a pick up/drop off from/to Melbourne Airport before and after the tour
- Surplus cars can be parked in Bendigo during the tour
- You will be assigned to a route and a travel group of 3 to 4 people
- Groups will be assigned to provide a mix of skills and experience within each car
- Each car group will be able to inspect around 8 to 12 paddocks a day
- Cars will leave from Bendigo on Day 1 and travel on different routes to different towns
- On Day 2 reassigned groups will travel on different routes that will return to Bendigo
- In the evening of Day 2 there will be a post tour briefing and meal provided in Bendigo
- You can return home by car or train from Bendigo

Biosecurity

- Boot hygiene protocol will be adopted (Plant Health Aust) and cars will be provided with kits
- Without vehicles on paddocks the risk of pests/weed seeds spreading will be reduced

Assessment methods

- GIAV will join staff and students of the Uni of Melb and Ag Victoria in assessing crops
- Using tools provided, crop assessors will count grain heads/m of row and grains/head
- These estimates will be recorded and collated by the GIAV and results provided

Materials, fees and registration

- Training, accessing tools, maps of routes and wash kits will be provided for each car
- GIAV provides meals on two nights, reserves blocks of rooms at motels for participants to confirm
- Registration is due by September 27 and no refunds can be offered after October 5
- Early registration is encouraged as accommodation is particularly tricky in some towns