



2016-2017 Crop Update - 1

WA (New Norcia) 30% cut 5 % baled

Farmers will continue slowly cutting this week due to forecast rain at the end of the week. Hay already cut has had ~5mm of rain on windrows. Some baling will occur Wed/Thur depending on temperatures.

WA (York) 50% cut 1% baled

Most farmers will cut remaining crops over the next week or so. 2 small showers, 1-3mm have been received over the past 7 days. Hay is slow to cure due to cooler than normal temperatures.

WA (Wagin) 50% cut 1% baled

Lots of hay to the east has been cut around Wagin. Most remaining crops will be cut in the next 1-2 weeks. Temperatures are cool and some showers are forecast.

SA (Balaklava) 1% cut 0% baled

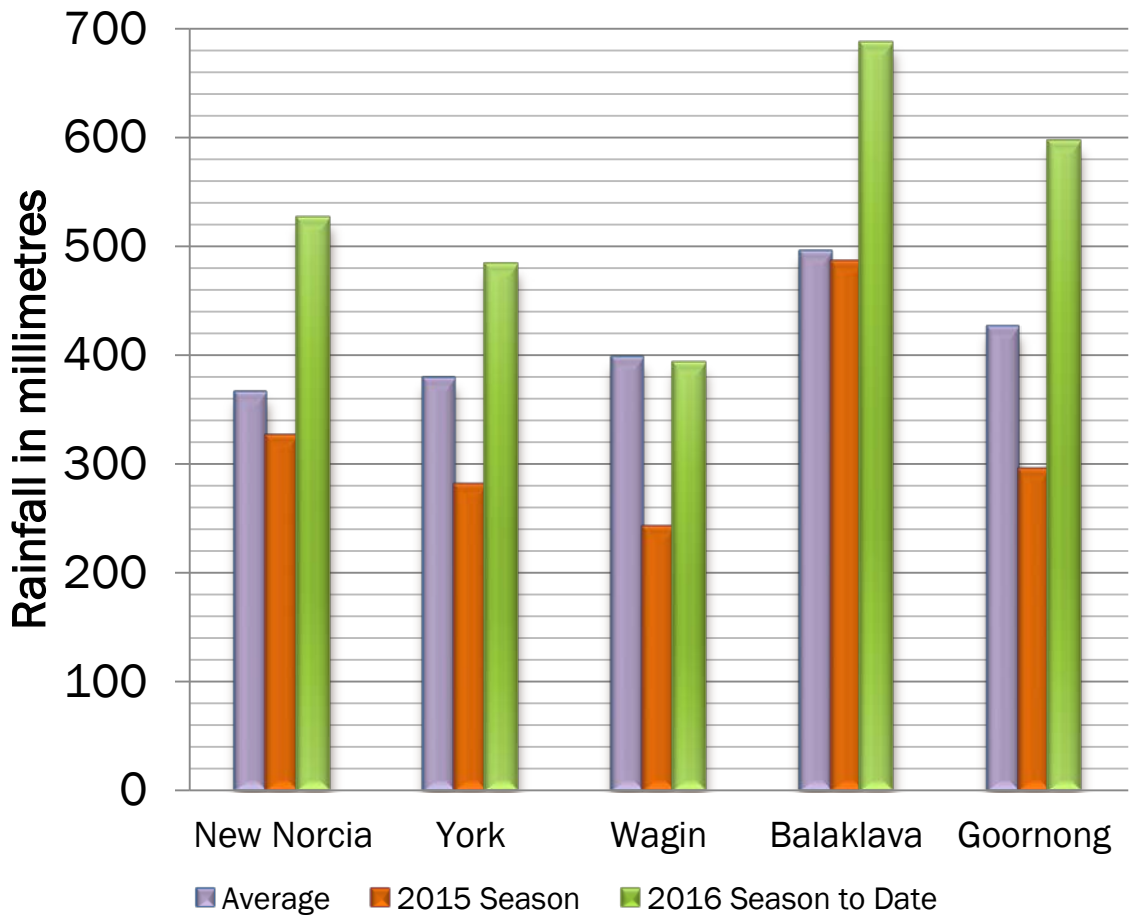
Heavy rain in the last week will delay cutting. Some areas need to cut crops in the next week, but it will depend on how the soil dries out. 5-10% of crops have been ruined due to strong winds and flooding. Warmer temperatures are forecast for later this week and should help paddocks dry out.

VIC(Goornong) 0% cut 0% baled

50mm of rain has fallen in the Goornong area in the past 3 days. Crops are mostly ~2 weeks away from cutting. Areas in the west of Victoria may not be cut due to very wet conditions.



RAINFALL IN GROWING AREAS



- Hay-making conditions are quite challenging at the moment. The weather is not stable, with potential rain forecast for most areas next week.
- Feed tests on lower-yielding crops that have been baled are good, although it is still very early and only a small volume has been baled.