



## 2016-2017 Crop Update - 3

**WA (New Norcia)                      80% cut    20 % baled**

Cooler weather over the last week. Warmer conditions are forecast this week. Some baling occurred last Thursday & Friday. There were a few showers on Saturday ~1mm in most areas. This has not caused any damage on recently cut hay. Expect lots of baling mid-week onwards.

**WA (York)                                80% cut    25% baled**

Lots of baling in eastern areas last week. Two small showers around York, 1-2mm each time accompanied by strong winds so little impact. Forecast is for warm weather, so plenty of baling expected in the next 7 days.

**WA (Wagin)                              60% cut    5% baled**

Temperatures were quite low last week and many paddocks are only just ready to start baling now. ~2mm of rain fell in most areas around Wagin last week. Expect cutting to finish by next weekend.

**SA (Balaklava)                        40% cut    1% baled**

10-20mm of rain yesterday over most areas in SA. First hay baled last Saturday. Crops are large, especially in the hilly areas to the east. Farmers will start cutting again towards the end of the week as rain is forecast in many areas mid-week. Most baling is more than 1 week away. Temperatures will be quite cool for the next 7 days.

**VIC (Goornong)                        10% cut    0 % baled**

10-15mm of rain yesterday. Some paddocks are too wet to get into and more rain is forecast for all areas of Victoria later this week. A difficult start to hay-making in Victoria, especially in Western areas.

### General Comments

Most feed test results, in WA are mid-grade with some high-grade, depending on the area. Most visuals are ok-to-good, with rain having some impact, but not that severe compared to other wet years. This is due to small rain events occurring (1-5mm) and not heavy rain (20+mm).