



## 2016-2017 Crop Update - 4

WA (New Norcia) 95% cut 50 % baled

Mostly good visual hay made in the last week. The analysis is variable . Yields are above-average. Patchy showers last Thursday (1-2mm) have not caused much damage.

WA (York) 95% cut 65% baled

Hay made during the past week has good visuals. The analysis from hay made in the eastern areas is at a high level, with WSC in particular considerably higher than normal. A brief shower of rain last week (<1mm) only delayed baling for 6 hrs.

WA (Wagin) 90% cut 30% baled

Hay quality is variable with nice quality in some areas and lower visuals in other areas. The analysis is generally good. The forecast is fine for the next 7 days.

SA (Balaklava) 65% cut 10% baled

Baled hay is quite irregular. Far northern areas have very nice quality, while the hilly areas to the east of Balaklava have wide stem and low green colour. The analysis is generally lower than WA on lower grades. Three rain events in the last seven days have also impacted the visuals. Rain is forecast again at the end of this week.

VIC (Goornong ) 40% cut 1% baled

The recent three to four rain events, while only small, will have impacted quality. Rain was heavy to the western areas around Horsham, St Arnaud and Birchip areas. We are concerned about the quality of hay that will be baled in the western areas.

Around Goornong, the ground is drying out and we expect some better quality hay to be made. Baling should start later this week.