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Liverpool Plains NSW Market Report

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Harvest is over and done for another year and it hardly feels like it got going. With a significant proportion of the Liverpool Plains winter crop on farm and unsold the marketing has yet to get underway. This year's wheat crop on the LP has averaged 4t/ha for milling wheat and 5t/ha for durum. A large proportion of the crop has binned as APW/ASW which is probably more a function of the lack of nitrogen going onto the crop as opposed to rain. The feed wheat market is trading at around \$210 farm and selected domestic millers are buying APW quality wheat at \$220 farm. Other than these markets, all is very quiet before Christmas on the wheat front. Durum has found its way into selected pools but even DR3 on farm is now being priced into the feed wheat market.

Feed barley is being offered up \$215 farm but the market is easily \$15 below grower selling ideas. With drought feeding now well underway these crops will be held onto tightly well into next year or used for own livestock feeding purposes.

Canola has once again performed well with average yields of 2t/ha being achieved and the better dryland crops going up to 3t/ha. In a year where everything from an agronomic point of view has been thrown at the crop this is a remarkable achievement. The crop went in on excellent moisture and received timely rains resulting in the yields above. The oils achieved are also amongst the best in the country so far this season – 42% to 44% on average. Canola is now well above \$400 farm on a delivered Newcastle basis and with yields of 2-3t/ha this is representing a good return on the crop.

The summer crops are now established and vary greatly in terms of yield potential and quality. Sorghum that was planted in early October is well established and holding on but will require some decent rain by the end of the year while any sorghum planted post November is struggling to get up and going. If this later plant crop does not receive rain growers will make decisions on the crop in January about whether to see it through. Sunflowers are very much the same. Early planted sunflowers are maturing and about to flower but rain and a mild January will be needed to get the crop across the line as well as produce reasonable oils.

Drought conditions are now firmly in play across the region and growers are looking for pricing to reflect this in a world that is full of coarse grains and oilseeds. With domestic basis pressure now starting to show though there are some good pricing opportunities to be had in the short term. From all at Australian Grain Accumulation Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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