

AGRONOMY REPORT

STEWART-MATTHEWS

8th NOVEMBER 2016

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CROP CHECK
IRRIGATION CHECK
SPRING PLANNING
PASTURE
MANAGEMENT



YARRAWALLA
NORTHERN VICTORIA



PIPE & RISER
IRRIGATION



COOL SPRING WEATHER
DRYING CONDITIONS



SORGHUM X SUDAN

Q. What was the focus of your last visit to the Stewart – Matthews farm?

A. We looked at the annual pastures that were coming to an end and talked about what we'd do with those areas after the wet winter. The main focus was on spring sowing and the bays that Kelvin and Don plan to sow sorghum into.

Q. What's happening in those bays at the moment?

A. They were lucerne bays oversown with Wedgetail Wheat in autumn. The lucerne is pretty sparse now and the soil has been severely compacted after grazing in wet conditions. They've just been grazed for the last time.

Q. So what's the plan?

A. The plan is to spray them out, irrigate to soften the surface again, and then spread cow manure and chicken litter. We talked about ways to break up the hard sub-surface and decided to deep rip. Once the ground prep is done, Kelvin will be able to sow them in the coming weeks now that the soil temperatures have reached 16 degrees and are on the rise.

Q. What sorghum will Kelvin be using?

A. At the moment we're planning to use [BMR Octane](#), which is a forage sorghum x sudan hybrid, which we chose for the BMR trait, its good palatability and digestibility.