

MEDIA RELEASE

INCREASED COTTON SUPPORT ON THE DARLING DOWNS

The Australian Cotton Industry can expect an increase in the information and support available on the ground, with the appointment of Kate Charleston as the Darling Downs Cotton Extension Officer.

Announcing the appointment, Extension and Knowledge Manager of the Cotton Catchment Communities Cooperative Research Centre (Cotton CRC), Letitia Cross, said: "Kate Charleston has extensive experience in extension in a variety of farming systems"

"Kate's role is part of a re-investment into regional services that are the foundation for delivering information, systems and tools that increase understanding and adoption of research, leading to a more sustainable and viable Australian Cotton Industry".

As the Darling Downs Cotton Extension Officer, Kate will be part of the National Cotton Extension Team, working closely with growers and industry personnel to address the industries challenges.

This Cotton CRC position is based at the Queensland Department Primary Industry & Fisheries in Dalby, and joint-funded through the Cotton Research Development Corporation.

Kate comes to the cotton industry with a wealth of experience in extension relating to farming systems. She has a bachelor degree in horticultural science and has undertaken various courses in extension, communication and training.

Kate has previously worked as an extension officer with sugar cane farming systems (DPI&F), a weed officer with the NR&W and in Tasmania with the DPI as a research and extension agronomist dealing with legume crops.

Ms Charleston said: 'Working closely with our partners, I look forward to the challenges of delivering specific industry information and up-to-date research to cotton growers and consultants on the Darling Downs, to enhance sustainable cotton production.'



Kate Charleston, Darling Downs Cotton Extension Officer.

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