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Farm Improvement Group

Question – the value of our grower group in supporting practise change?

Key aim “Provide local growers with information applicable to the local area through trials, field walks and seminars”



But really it is a bit broader than that;

“education”

“cooperation”

“support”

“fun”

“sharing information”

“dealing with change”

“teamwork”

The grower group provides an environment and catalyst;

1. To investigate, explore and test new ideas – “the technical side of farming”
2. A social framework of support, relationships and sharing that is conducive to operating an independent business such as farming and dealing with change that is required to constantly improve or adapt

The committee is at the heart of the organisation; a unique style of board that understand the many benefits from working together and as volunteers



The technical aspects & the learnings

CFIG is a frameworks inside which we can ground truth new technologies and explore existing concepts and new ideas

Sure...we can do this independently but then you miss out on the opportunity to share ideas and reap the rewards of many minds and many different perspectives

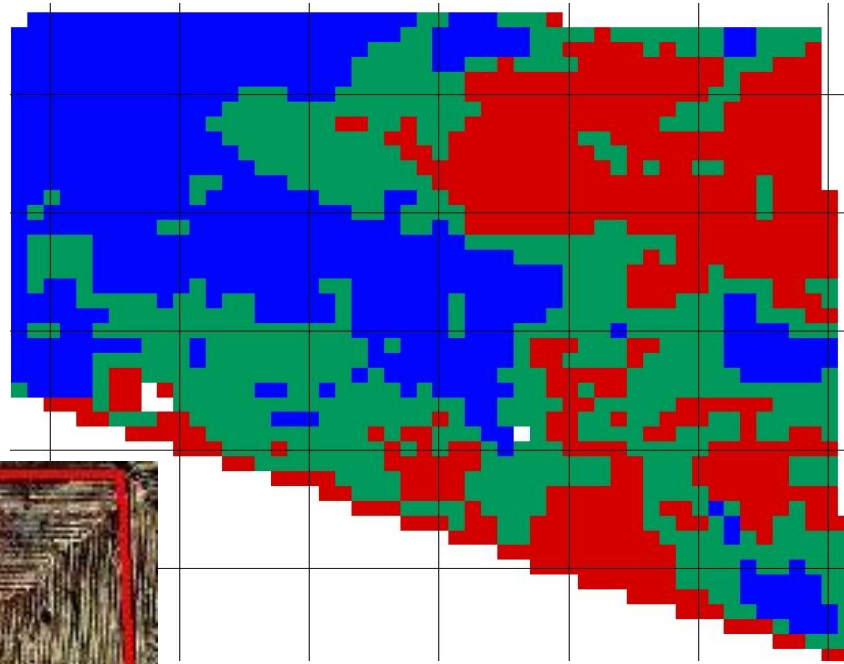
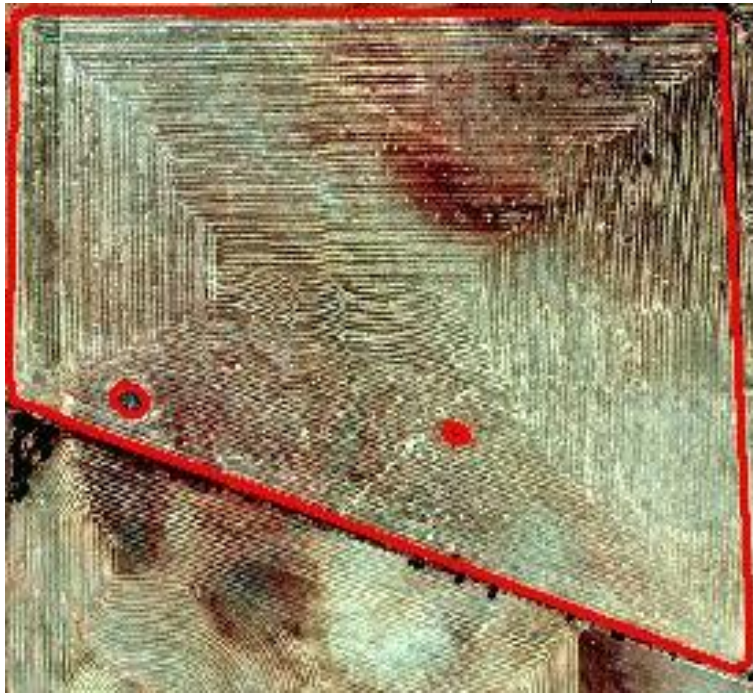
I will talk from my experiences but also more broadly on behalf of our members.....



Large Scale Variety Demonstrations



2006 PA paddock

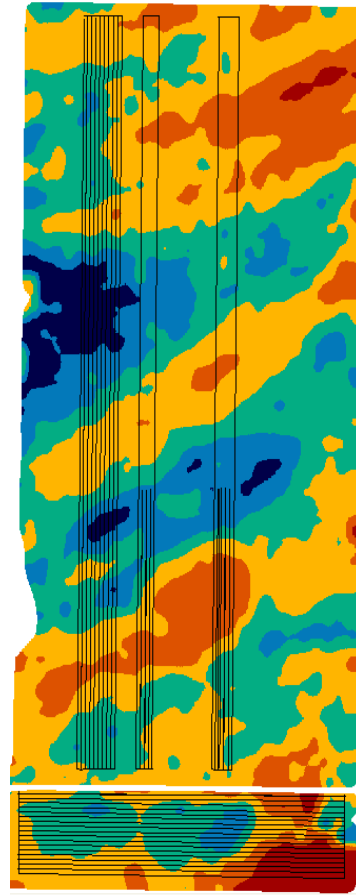
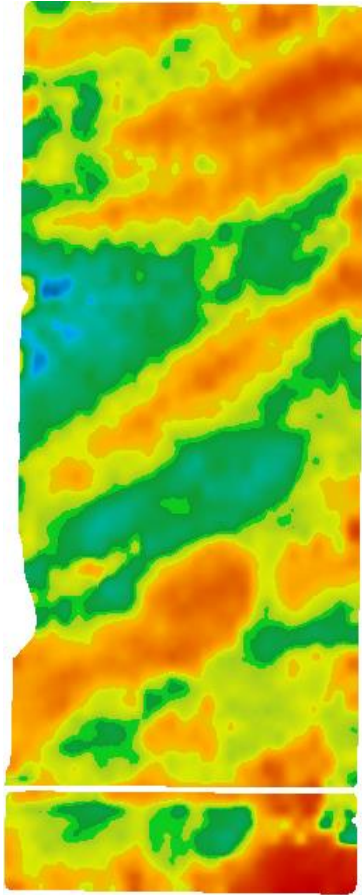


...there were strong
finding but things
change and
technologies evolve



Dealing with specific challenges









t-Bug

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Grazing Crops



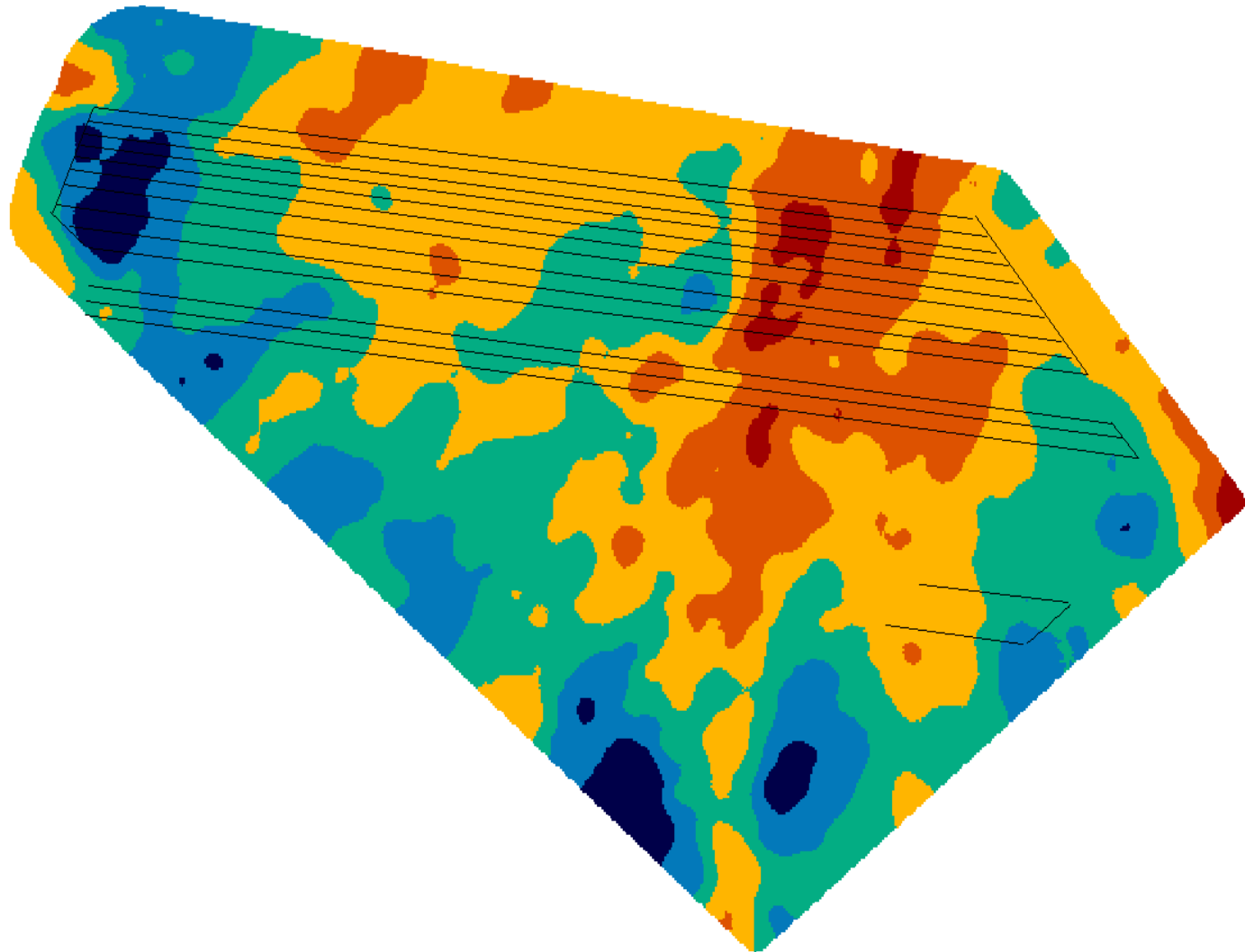
Wide Rows versus Narrow Rows



Machinery Comparisons



Disc vs Tines Trial











How do we deal with non wetting and herbicide resistance?













Chemical Fallow



Yield Prophet



Industry networks

Brenton Leske



Working with motivated Agribusiness



Sharing with Consultants



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Informal - Sharing Experiences –
many eyes



The social.....

The snippets of information

Building confidence to change

Reaching across the generations



Support & Fun!! – no better
medicine when times are
challenging



Combining technical and social







There are challenges....

Weaning ourselves off previous support

Lack of professional processes for employment

Lack of direction and motivation...poor seasons

Funding....the future

Less farmers

Willingness to change?

....asking for help.. Facey Group, Dani England, GGA and DAFWA

But to our credit.....

Key decisions;

Employ a consultant for a process to identify and employ a EO

Consulting with our Shire

Moved locations

Accepted sponsorship as a pathway for partnerships

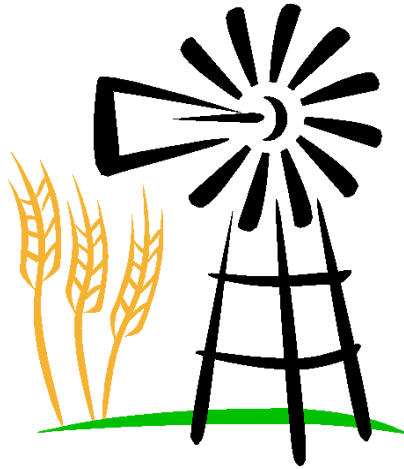
Reached out to young growers and new committee members

Adopted social media

Targeting a broader region

Thank you





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A 30 year old organisation providing an important role in many farm businesses' and individual's lives!