



# JENHARWILL BALING PAL

## Newsletter – May 2011

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### Welcome...

... to those of you that have visited our site previously and also to those who may be coming on board for the first time.

### The month that has been...

The cropping program has started in earnest, with both airseeders going day and night.

Many of the paddocks had to be burned, harrowed, cut or all of the afore mentioned due to the large amount of growth over the summer period.

Windrows of unbaled hay were also burnt to allow the seeders to get through the trash.

Many mice are starting to appear, and are a big problem in some areas.

The subsoil moisture is fantastic, but in a few places a little bit too much, with seeders becoming bogged occasionally.

As the month progress's the top of the paddocks is becoming quite dusty and a few mm's of rain would be welcome to settle the dust and help germination.

All commodity prices appear to be holding, and the demand next season should still be very high.

There is very little movement of hay, as most areas still have plenty of moisture and green feed. With the warmer weather, growth has still been adequate to maintain stock.

## Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to Stuart Niven, who reached the “50 year” landmark. Stu, Tanya and family put on a great party at their home and we thank them for their hospitality. Life begins at 50 they say!!!

Congratulations “old fella”!



## Howie's Happenings

There is always something happening with Howie, either on or off the farm. *But this one is special...* On Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April Howie and Bec celebrated their wedding day. Congratulations and best wishes from the crew.

Hope to have some pics in the next edition.

Farm happenings...

## ***ALL HANDS ON DECK!***



Many unbaled windrows have been either burnt or grazed. Significant regrowth has appeared through the windrows, just enough to hamper sowing efforts.



Sowing with the John Deere Disc Seeder, time for a refill.

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Spraying with the John Deere Boom Sprayer, much land to cover.



Carting the stacks of weather damaged hay off the paddocks is a huge task. This job has to be done before the crops can be planted.

### **Crystal Ball Gazing...**

With commodity prices remaining high cereal cropping could be at an all time high.

Demand will be high for export quality hay and prices offered on contracts remain good.

The high Aussie dollar is creating uncertainty in the market, but will remain to be seen if it maintains such a high level.

Dairy demand remains very flat, and does not appear to have any significant change in the next few months.

*With all systems go and at this stage, the weather on our side, 'so far - sow good'. There is hope that after the disappointing end to last harvest, that this season could shape up to be the opportunity to get the farm and the industry back on track.*



A very common sight lately, due to the unprecedented burn offs.

## Issues

The issue of hay transport throughout NSW is once again on the agenda. The state government has expressed a desire to look at reform in the regulations, but the old bogey man, the RTA, seem to have no intention of changing their views. With a change of government things may have a chance of moving forward. The AFIA is currently trying to negotiate a resolution that will bring NSW into line with Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.



Load conforming to Vic standards.

## **In Stock**

*We have stocks of OATEN and VETCH HAY for sale.*

We have a supply of Vetch, or Vetch and Oaten Mix available, but a lot of this hay is rain effected, and will be priced according to tests.

High quality product, with no rain damage will be very hard to locate.

Oaten hay is available in 8x4x8 and 8x4x3 bales. We will have good quality, as well as rain damaged hay for sale.

*Please check our website. [www.jenharwill.com.au](http://www.jenharwill.com.au)*

*We will be looking for contract work with our JD Self Propelled Sprayer (120ft Boom with G.P.S navigation), and also our Tine and Disc Airseeders.*

Demand for hay is at an all time low. Whether it is due to excess feed, low cash flow or whatever, no one seems to be interested in purchasing fodder.

Anyone interested in *hay purchases*, especially vetch or high quality hay should give us a call to discuss their options. The best quality hay is usually the first to go, and many buyers end up paying the same price for lesser quality product.

## **Last, but not least...**

High soil moisture profile and high cereal and grain prices mean a positive outlook for the coming season.

Export hay stocks are at an all-time low and if hay can be successfully baled this coming season, this part of the industry should once again prove very worthwhile.