

## **AgriClime dry spring protection pays off**

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Hugh Batters and family run a mixed farming operation at Sutherland in western Victoria, growing a range of crops including wheat, barley, vetch, faba beans and oats. A dry spring not being unusual, the Batters Family were open to Syngenta's AgriClime offer, which is designed to help shoulder the risk of dry finishes.

Cereal growers who are eligible for AgriClime receive a portion of their investment in Syngenta technology as cash-back if rainfall does not meet a threshold level over the elected offer period during the season

Predicting a dry spring, Hugh signed up for the AgriClime offer early, committing 300 hectares to the program.

"I first heard about AgriClime through our agronomist," Hugh said.

"It was really easy to sign-up - our agronomist completed most of the online registration form. I just entered our planned chemical use and decided on a program date."

Enrolment is free of charge. To be eligible, growers must spend at least \$50/ha on at least two selected Syngenta products across a minimum of 300 hectares.

"I had no hesitation in signing up for the AgriClime offer, as we were already using enough BOXER GOLD® and VIBRANCE® which met the eligibility requirements, and it was free to sign-up.

"As predicted, the season was a particularly tough one receiving 257 millimeters for the year below the average yearly rainfall of 425 millimeters.

"For us, signing up for AgriClime was really worthwhile. We just went about our normal business, and then at the end of the season, since we received less rainfall than the program rainfall threshold for our area, we got an email with our cash-back details.

"I see the cash-back as a great bonus from a clearly supportive agribusiness, and Syngenta is the only one offering this type of offer, that I know of.

"We use BOXER GOLD as a staple in our weed management program, so if we use VIBRANCE again, we will most likely sign up for AgriClime this season too.

"I would recommend AgriClime to other growers, especially if they are already eligible with their current mix of chemicals. It takes no effort to take part," said Hugh.

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