

# Grazing crops – why & how we do it

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# Why graze crops?

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- ▶ Need to lift the profitability of the pasture phase of the rotation by increasing DSE/Wgha

# Focus on synergies between stock and crops

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- ▶ Plan to graze most cereals & GM canola
- ▶ Pasture phase important in managing weeds in the system.



# How we graze crops

## Cereals

- Stock in at 4-5 leaf
- Out at Z30
- Leave a couple of inches green material
- Only graze once



# How we graze canola

## Canola

- Stock in around 6-8 leaf
- Out before stem elongation
- Important to leave green leaf area











# What we've achieved

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- ▶ Increased DSE/WGH from 12 to 16
- ▶ Increased income/WGH from \$348/ha to \$466/ha
- ▶ Planted extra 1000ha of crop providing \$1 million income in 2010