

**PROJECT:**

CMP00001-A A review and demonstration of different break crops for Western Australian growers

**BIO:**

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**EXTENSION ACTIVITY:**

19 case studies capturing a range of rotations and the associated gross margins from the Kwinana East and Geraldton Port Zones have been presented in the booklet. This material came from interviews with 10 farmers in both zones, however one farmer in the Kwinana East Port Zone withdrew from the project.

**KEY POINTS:**

- Break crops are for weed control, disease break and free nitrogen
- Choice of break crop is dependent on soil type
- Risk, markets and logistics, weed control in crop and varietal suitability are key barriers to further adoption
- Wheat is the hardiest plant grown

**FURTHER WORK REQUIRED:**

In light of the Spring 2016 frost events, particularly in the Kwinana East Port Zone, there is an opportunity to review the performance of the various rotations.

