



Harper Helps Wheat Growers Farm Today for Tomorrow

East Hyden wheat growers Craig and Catherine Mayfield farm today for tomorrow.

With a 5300 hectare 2013 cropping program at 'Minyaka', an aboriginal word meaning tomorrow, including 2350ha of wheat, the Mayfields think sustainably for tomorrow, but select varieties that do the job today.

In other words, according to Craig, they look for long season wheats which can be dry sown early and which ultimately yield well at the business end of the season.

"This is where I see a good fit for the new InterGrain APW wheat, trialled here as IGW3170, but officially launched today as **Harper**, because it gets away well, with good early vigour.

"And on the 20 hectares of **Harper** we sowed this year adjacent to Yitpi, a long time favoured variety here at 'Minyaka', **Harper** appears to have outyielded its neighbour and, on the way through, it's offered us superior disease resistance," Mr Mayfield said.

Importantly, **Harper** has also been commended by six different grower groups who have visited 'Minyaka' throughout **Harper's** growing season.

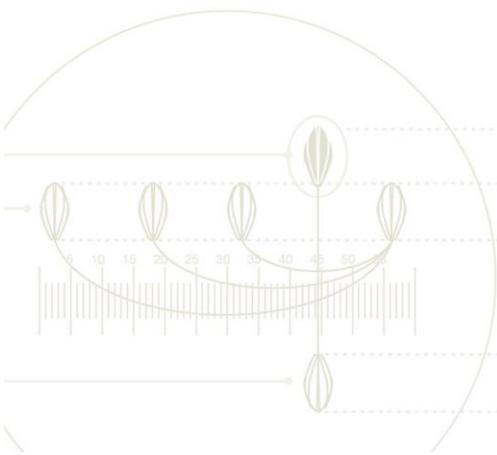
"**Harper** received a lot of positive grower comments and, after all, that's what it's all about.

"A cereal breeding company such as InterGrain relies on grower endorsements, because while their breeders can get the genetics right and they put the polish on the agronomic package, it's growers like us, out in the field, who ultimately invest in the variety and then, hopefully, enjoy the reward at the business end of the season via satisfactory profit margins.

"At this early stage, it seems InterGrain's **Harper** will tick all the boxes," Mr Mayfield said.

Comparing **Harper** to the adjacent Yitpi crop, he summed up **Harper's** advantages as:

- No stem rust on **Harper**, but stem rust on Yitpi.
- **Harper** showed slightly better resistance to Yellow Spot.
- **Harper** heads a little taller than Yitpi.



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Releasing **Harper** today as a new APW wheat for Western Australia, InterGrain Marketing Manager Ash Brooks said it was bred by the InterGrain wheat breeding team, headed by Robin Wilson and Chris Moore, from Yitpi and Stylet, a high yielding Spear type.

'Harper has the potential to sustain its physical grain quality with good grain size and hectolitre weights," Ms Brooks said.

"It also has similar sprouting and blackpoint tolerance to Yitpi.

"InterGrain trials show that **Harper** is ideal when growers need to take advantage of early to mid season sowing opportunities and it also performs well when things get tough with sharp spring finishes.

"Harper also complements other mid to shorter season wheat varieties in growers' programs, such as Mace, Wyalkatchem and Emu Rock," she said.

Harper seed is available from registered InterGrain Seedclub members or local resellers.

For further information and details on **Harper** and its availability, growers are invited to contact InterGrain WA Territory Manager, David Meharry, Mobile 0427 855 059 or visit the website www.intergrain.com

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Photo: East Hyden wheat grower Craig Mayfield wants long season wheats which can be dry sown early and which ultimately yield well at the business end of the season. He expects InterGrain's new APW wheat variety, Harper, released in WA October 31, will tick all the boxes.



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