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> CRC calls on seed companies to commercialise cultivars

The CRC is currently looking for seed companies to help commercialise [five new trefoil birdsfoot](#) varieties.

The new cultivars of birdsfoot trefoil created by FFI CRC plant breeders have extended their range well beyond the boundaries set by current varieties.

They have been specifically bred to be highly productive and hardy in mediterranean climates with acidic or low-fertility soils receiving 600-1000mm per annum of rainfall and in areas prone to winter waterlogging.



> Saltland Genie™

Launched in September, the [Saltland Genie](#) is an interactive website that provides landholders and their advisors with recommendations and advice to boost saltland productivity. The *Saltland Genie* uses the latest knowledge and tools for saltland management from the Sustainable Grazing on Saline Lands ([SGSL](#)) initiative.

The website works by guiding visitors through a series of simple questions from which the *Saltland Genie* provides recommendations about the usefulness of each of the 11 possible productive solutions that landholders can use to boost their saltland productivity.



> Understanding Practice Change Symposium

Understanding how farmers and other rural landholders adopt new practices was the focus of the *Understanding Practice Change by Farmers* symposium held this month.

The symposium brought together leading researchers from around Australia to provide insights into the current thinking about what drives practice change and adoption and the ways they can be influenced.

Vod and podcasts of symposium presentations will soon be available from the Understanding Practice Change [website](#) for download.





> UWA profiles CRC's drought-proofing research

FFI CRC research has featured prominently in the University of Western Australia (UWA) publications this Spring with articles in [UWA News](#) this month and in the Spring edition of [Uniview](#).

UWA News profiled the CRC's work into assessing a group of native legumes called *Cullen* that could boost the drought tolerance of current pastures mixes. They also profiled the latest breakthrough in developing a salt-tolerant wheat.

In contrast, the Uniview article provided an overview about how the CRC is helping farmers 'get smart' and prepare for a drier future.



> Salt-tolerant wheat trial a success

Very encouraging field results at a property near Pingaring in the eastern WA wheatbelt renewed interest in the CRC's *Salt-tolerant Wheat* project last September.

The wheat's ability to tolerate high levels of salinity is the result of controlled cross-breeding with a common weed called sea barley grass, which grows in water almost as salty as sea water. The interest culminated with the *West Australian* Newspaper running a page three story on the successful field trial.

The full article can be read [here](#).



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