

Preface

The worth of this work will no doubt be adjudged by its use. I am confident the Grain Legume Handbook will find a ready and appreciative audience not only among those in South Australia who have turned to grain legumes as an alternative income source, but also those among them who have considered doing so but want for reliable, concise information that is easily accessible.

Its publication comes at a time when agriculture is looking over the horizon to new, more profitable and efficient ventures. Grain legumes hold particular promise. And South Australia features prominently in the history of the development of such opportunities. In recent years it has been the vanguard of increasing the available range of legume crops.

Credit for much of this valuable work is due to the combined efforts of growers, industry representatives and agricultural scientists. It is in this same spirit of cooperation that the Grain Legume Handbook was conceived and produced.

The grain legume industry is to be commended for its initiative in developing this text with officers of the Department of Agriculture. I commend the Grain Legume Handbook to readers who would like to be better informed on the production of legume crops in Australia.

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