HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHICKPEA IN THE NORTHERN REGION

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AUSTRALIA-WIDE EVALUATIONS - 1973

- Warwick
- Emerald
- Horsham
- Launceston
- Roseworthy
- Perth
- Kununurra
DESI VARIETIES

- Tyson (1979)
- Amethyst (1987)
- Barwon (1991)
- Jimbour (2000)
- Kyabra (2005)
- Flipper (2005)
- PBA HatTrick (2010)
- PBA Pistol (2011)
- PBA Seamer (2016)
Phytophthora nursery Warwick
Ascochyta blight
Ascochyta nursery Tamworth
2015

• 91% of chickpea area in north-east
• 95% of north-east desi
• 37% of south/west desi
• 596,000 ha in north-east

• C. 25% winter crop area (1916)
INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

• Farmers
• Advisors
• Farm machinery manufacturers
• Marketers/processors
• Pulse Australia/GRDC
• Researchers
FARMER COOPERATION

- Enable adequate trial network
- Relevant management environment
- Feedback
- Publicity
- New converts