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* who can benefit from the results

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**Implications**

Assessment of the impact of the outcomes on industry in Australia (where possible provide a statement of costs and benefits).

**Recommendations**

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**Glossary and Acronyms**

Below is a sample Abbreviations and Acronyms list. Be sure to include on this page all abbreviations and acronyms that appear in the report

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| DAFWA | Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia |
| DAP | di ammonium phosphate |
| DArT | Diversity Arrays Technology |
| DAT | days after treatment |
| Db | bulk density |
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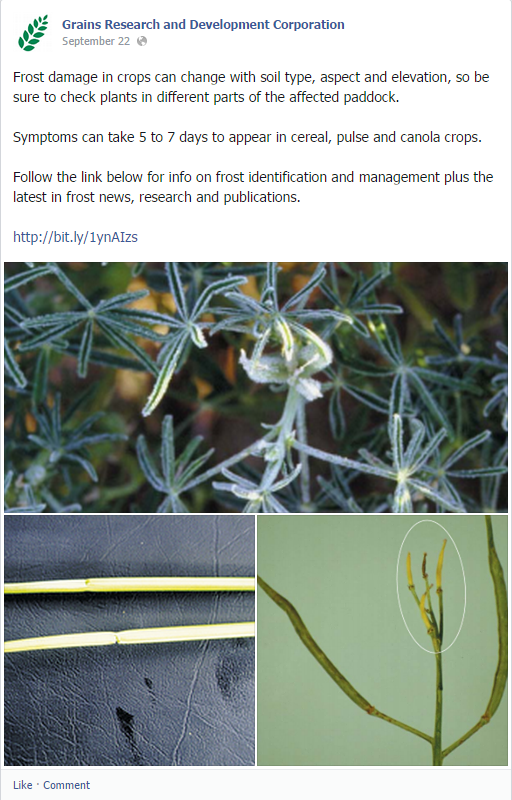
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