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**Project**  
CRDC108C - Ground Rig Operators Guidelines

**Background**

The booklet was an initiative of the CRDC to support the Groundrig Operators Association, and forms part of the overall BMP programme.

**Objectives**

The objectives were to produce a pocket sized booklet which contained important BMP information for groundrig operators, including growers operating their own rigs. In addition, the booklet format was to be suitable for in-field usage by all persons who may be involved in groundrig spray applications.

These objectives were met and the booklet produced in a pocket sized format which can be carried in the cab or vehicle glovebox. The Groundrig Operators Association will be gathering feedback from members for future reference.

**Summary**

The project was completed within budget and on-time. The booklet is another component of the industry BMP programme and complements other information sources.

The layout of the booklet is such that readers can quickly access the essential information, and use to implement better practices and to train staff. The booklet is water resistant and can be used in operating conditions thus ensuring that operators have the information nearby at all times. This will assist to reduce spraying errors because the operator had not been fully trained or had 'forgotten'.

**Future development**

The pocket guide could be supported by an A5 sized booklet containing more information on each of the sections (e.g. drift, nozzle selection) and written in a clearer, easier to read format.

The nozzle section could be expanded with greater use of tables from manufacturers on the standard nozzle sizes and types. The explanation of how to read nozzles is very important and needs expansion and clarification.

The guide could be prepared and posted on the CRDC and Cotton Australia web sites for ready access by industry personnel.

The same pocketbook concept could be applied to all BMP publications to make them more accessible to the target audience.