CTF – Positive perspectives in the Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment, NSW

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Summary: A survey of farmers and advisers in the Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Area (BRGCMA) was conducted to gather data on the area of Controlled Traffic Farming (CTF) within the catchment, the benefits and issues CTF farmers are realising and to give some insight as to why some farmers to not feel the need to adopt CTF. While the response rate was low and mainly restricted to Conservation Farmers Inc. (CFI) members, the survey indicated that approximately 300 000 ha out of 1.37 Mha (22%) of dryland cropping in this catchment, are under CTF. The results highlight that Controlled Traffic Farming (CTF) continues to deliver benefits of improved yields, profits, moisture infiltration and ease of management. The results also highlight weed control issues, deep and rough wheeltracks and wheeltrack erosion are often experienced. These issues need addressing so that farmers can realise the full potential of a CTF system.