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AWB \$10 early commitment premium full in WA and SA

AWB has closed the second of its early commitment premium pool contracts in Western Australia and South Australia, following strong wheat grower support that has fully subscribed available tonnage in these states, some two weeks ahead of the planned closing date.

AWB General Manager Commodities, Mitch Morison, said through its \$15 and \$10 a tonne premium contracts that have been offered in August and September, AWB has hit its pre defined targets in both Western Australia and South Australia and is extremely close in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

“The program has been tremendously successful and met almost all our tonnage targets,” Mr Morison said.

“We’ll keep the precise quantity to ourselves at present, but to provide an idea of the scale we have more than a million tonnes signed for our pools, which has allowed us to make a strong start on our sales, commodity hedging and currency management activities for the 2009/10 season crop.

“The Middle East, Asia, Pacific and domestic markets are all destinations for our sales program and customers like early advice of our ability to supply, so the aims of early commitment system are being achieved.

“The greatest grower response to date for pool contracts has been in Western Australia and South Australia, however we have significant tonnage committed from all eastern states as well.”

“Feedback from our grower clients is that they see AWB pool products as an important part of their wheat marketing program and they are expecting us to continue crafting pool and cash price solutions for them as the harvest moves south from Queensland into the wider wheat belt, so that’s what we intend to do,” Mr Morison said.

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