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Project Description

The management of the natural resource base in the low rainfall zone of the northern agricultural region (NAR) is reliant upon sustainable and profitable farming systems. With a high level of saline affected land the design of robust and sustainable farming systems is essential to manage salinity and water quality. The low rainfall farming system functions within a highly variable seasonal climate and must be able to withstand the pressures of drought with enough flexibility to be highly productive in good seasons.

The sustainable low rainfall farming system incorporates these aspects to build wealth to reinvest and protect the natural resource base. It is also a system which maintains vegetative cover during the dry and strives for efficient use of water reducing the impacts of soil erosion, water run-off and water table recharge.

This project is about providing information and tools to growers and industry to improve the management of current climate variability and the development of robust farming systems. Provision of these skills and techniques will enable better management of greater climate variability and climate extremes placing the industry in a stronger position to manage the resource base and creating stronger rural communities.

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