



FAR MAIZE CONFERENCE

14TH February 2023

ADAMA's Commercial Manager's Bryce Simpson and Doug Speer attended the **2023 FAR Maize Conference**. Over 80 people attended this event.

The topics and speakers included:

- Professor Fred Below, from the USA
- Fred discussed the latest trends in maize in the US including varying planting densities, row spacing, the use of slightly different cultivars to maximise production off a given field. This can compensate for soil type variability. The regular use of fungicide application was noted. Most growers now use a fungicide and capitalise on the benefits.
- David Densley talked on precision agriculture for maize productivity and quality
- FAR's Abie Horrocks discussed the long-term crop establishment and some of the impacts that cultivation has on soil structure and water infiltration
- FAR's researcher Dirk Wallace discussed reducing nitrogen inputs
- AgResearch scientist Trevor James talked on cover crops for weed management
- FAR's technology manager Chris Smith discussed sensor technology ascertain a plant recipe for a given fields variance

Doug mentioned he really enjoyed Prof. Below's way of getting the message across and putting science into a more practicable message. Being a lecturer, he had a great way of presenting. Well worth attending.

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