

**FINAL REPORT TO
COTTON RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

**SOIL MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSES
1997-99**

Project codes and budget allocation:

DAN 111C	\$31,810 (Courses 1-5 & 8)
MCK 1C	\$38,790 (Courses 6, 7 & 9)
MCK 2C	\$14,470 (Courses 10 & 11)

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Project highlights

One hundred & seventy people were given training in soil assessment and management

Hands-on training in soil management was given to one hundred & seventy members of the Australian cotton industry at a series of 11 courses between October 1997 and September 1999. The courses were held in the Narrabri, Warren, Moree, Emerald, Dalby, Wee Waa, Goondiwindi, Gunnedah, Theodore, Walgett and Bourke districts.

The main aim of the courses was to demonstrate how to use *'SOILpak for Cotton Growers, Third Edition'* *, with emphasis on soil sampling for yield map interpretation. Soil monitoring for farm accreditation schemes also was discussed. Most of the soil inspections were carried out via 1.5 metre deep backhoe pits, which usually were dug in

* McKenzie, D.C. (ed.) 1998. *SOILpak for Cotton Growers, Third Edition*. 395 pp.
(NSW Agriculture, Orange.)

triplicate. The courses focussed on the needs of Private Consultants and Government Advisers associated with the cotton industry – a summary of course attendees is shown in Table 1. Details are in Appendix 1. David McKenzie also demonstrated soil description methods to the UNE Cotton Production Course at Narrabri on 12 February 1999.