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Good rains lift national plantings

The results from the third annual ProFarmer Australia Grain Plantings Survey have now been finalised. The responses came from close to 900 growers across the country, who indicated their planting intentions for the 2009/10 growing season.

This year's survey partners were eFarming, SQP, EP Grains, Callum Downs and Market Check, which gave greater breadth to the survey.

Results show that national plantings have lifted by 10%; wheat and canola plantings have increased and barley plantings are lower. Increases to pulse and fodder crop plantings were also reported, with many participants attributing these gains to improved rainfall in the lead up to planting.

A full analysis of the survey results is available through the ProFarmer newsletter, and a special ProFarmer Plantings Report. For further details in obtaining this report, or subscribing to the newsletter please visit www.profarmer.com.au

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