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A Positive Start for Hexima's Defensin Field Trials

Following the success of last year's field trial in cotton, Hexima has planted new trials for its defensin technology for the coming season.

Three sites have been planted, two in the Darling Downs in Queensland and one in the Namoi Valley in NSW. The trials are designed to repeat the successful trials of last year, which showed that Hexima's fungal resistance "defensin" gene gave cotton protection against the fungal disease, fusarium wilt. The trials are also testing for effects of the technology on other fungal pathogens. Good rain has been received at all sites which is very important for a successful trial.

Hexima's Managing Director, Dan O'Brien said "This season's trials will be used to build upon the positive results of the 2006/07 growing season and will also extend to test our defensin technology's effectiveness against other diseases".

The Hexima programme is based on the natural defence mechanisms of plants which Hexima has successfully transferred into cotton. The trials are approved by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.

Hexima Limited is an ASX-listed agribusiness company (ASX Code: HXL) actively engaged in the research and development of technology for the protection and enhancement of commercial crops, primarily to enhance their resistance to insects and fungal pests. Visit <http://www.hexima.com.au> for more information

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