

# sustainable agriculture

Management Target: Sustainable agriculture management practice carried out by 50% of landholders by 2016.

## ■ Work Undertaken

Rob Chambers of Osterley Downs near Cobar has converted his machinery to direct drill.

## ■ Benefits

- Reducing soil erosion
- Reducing evaporation
- Reducing soil compaction
- Encouraging beneficial insects
- Retaining organic material
- Improving soil health
- Improving moisture retention
- Removing exposure of bare soil
- Preserving native grass seed bed
- Encouraging native grass
- Increasing sowing window to take advantage of moisture
- More precise seed placement
- Reducing working schedule
- Improving cost effectiveness



## ■ Funding Year: 2005

Improvements funded in 2005-06



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