



# Testimonial from Chris Ridout , Boyup Brook WA

My introduction to Guano Gold- Kwik Start was from another farmer who used it growing oats. We spoke about the product and its makeup of high phosphate and calcium and I thought I'd give it a try.

The first application was at 80kg per hectare, half a tonne of lime, 45kg of gypsum, 100kg of mineral mix, with oats seeded at 75kg per hectare. The paddock was ploughed and harrowed to incorporate the above fertilizer mix.

This was not my usual practice. I would normally use a knock down herbicide with application of super potash or AGRAS no 2, with direct drill.

It was a reasonable season with a little water logging mid-winter for two weeks. The crop performed quite well, showing no sign of needing nitrogen. The harvest was fairly average, due to a late attack from army worm.

The second year, we planted oats again, using knock down herbicide with the same application of fertilizer, with Guano at a less rate of 48kg per hectare. It was planted late because of the poor break to the season and just after planting the crop, it suffered 200mm of rain in seven days.

Once again the crop seemed to show no signs of needing nitrogen application, as the season went on, I was tempted to spray for rye-grass, as it seemed there would be quite some competition



with the oats. As it happens, it remained to wet to spray and was left to a later date.

The oats seemed to cope with the competition outgrowing the rye and still not showing signs of needing nitrogen. It was evident that the oat plant had developed a very rigorous root structure to seek moisture and nutrients to compete against the weeds.

At harvest I was surprised at the quite reasonable yield of all paddocks sown. The best paddock performing at an average of 4.5 tonnes per hectare, even though there was quite a lot of competition with rye grass and still no application of nitrogen for a second year.

I would suggest to anyone wanting to try this new product that it has shown to work quite satisfactorily for me and has proven itself to be a top quality fertilizer which I believe will be used for many farming practices. ▀

