GROUP PROFILE: Ninghan Farm Focus Group

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**Group Aim:**
To continuously improve and advance our agriculture and community profitably and sustainably.

Report and communicate relevant agronomy trial work for the region.

**How was the group formed?**
The group was formed in 2003 with the aim of profitable and sustainable agriculture for a healthy community.

**What is the main focus of the group?**
Agronomic research and specifically addressing local agronomic problems, trying to fix rotations and identify profitable break crops to wheat.

**Number of members?**
There are 70 farming businesses.

**Membership fees?**
Our membership fee is $200 per farm business, annually.

**What makes the group tick?**
Seeding systems, CVT/NV, disease demonstrations, fertilizer/nutrition, cover crop, break crop review, crop topping.

**How do you resource the group?**
The group is resourced by way of some GRDC funding for the seeding systems trial, goodwill, membership fees, in-kind contributions from DAFWA, and collaborative research with industry (eg; nutrition trials with CSBP and Summit).

**How does the group manage succession planning for the group??**
The group actively encourages young member to join the committee.

**What are you current key issues as a group?**
Group commitment is the most important issue. Remaining focused on local research issues; attracting innovation, membership and funds; increasing the credibility of farmer based trials through accessing available resources.