



SHOW TIME

PAGE 5



NDIS SUPPORT

PAGE 7



FARMERS ON THE FENCE

JEN DENTON

GRAIN farmers around Gannawarra are weighing up their options in the face of continuing dry weather which is cuasing crops to begin to fail.

Livestock and crop farmer Geoff Kendall said farmers in the cereal industry are facing "a real gamble" at the moment and emotions are running high.

"Because of the soil moisture disappearing and the crops failing, thoughts are starting to run to cutting the crops for hay," Mr Kendall said.

"Farmers have to weigh up the

amount of soil moisture that's underneath, when the next rain event's going to happen and how hot it's going to get in between."

Because drought on the eastern seaboard has pushed prices sky-high, farmers can expect \$400 a tonne for wheat, Mr Kendall said, whereas hay might return \$250 to \$300 a tonne, depending on availability.

A 450 acre paddock of wheat at Mr Kendall's Normanville farm needs another 25mm of rain over the next 10 days to finish, he estimated.

A smaller wheat paddock on the

property has failed, with the soil turning to dust in the rows, too dry even to graze stock on.

Mixed farmer Greg Fowler said he was also considering doing "a salvage job" and cutting his wheat and barley for hay.

He said his crops were doing well considering the minimal rainfall over the growing season and were still viable.

"They're doing a good job to hang on like they are. The potential is still there. But we need rain," Mr Fowler said.

CONTINUED — Page 2

Geoff Kendall, like many farmers, are faced with touch decisions.



Weather

TODAY
Partly cloudy, 6-19



TOMORROW
Partly cloudy, 2-18



SUNDAY
Sunny, 2-21



MONDAY
Sunny, 4-25



TUESDAY
Partly cloudy, 9-28



IGA LATE WEEK SPECIALS

Friday Trading Hours 9am - 8pm



WALKERS IGA

SPECIALS AVAILABLE FROM THIS THURSDAY TO TUESDAY
60A Victoria Street, Kerang. Phone 5452 2035



BARHAM BAKERY

Est. 1961

OPEN NSW LABOUR DAY

Monday, October 1 - 6am to 2pm

8 Mellool Street, Barham. P: 5453 2059