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## Plant population, row spacing critical

Pioneer's research over the past five years has shown that plant population and row spacing are two critical elements in achieving consistent yields in Central Queensland. Growers who have adopted this management practice have increased their profits by lowering costs and increasing yields. These commercial results confirm Pioneer's research.

This year Ernie Travers planted Bonus.MR in a one metre single skip configuration with his simplicity air-seeder. Ernie achieved an established plant population of 25,000 plants per hectare. The Bonus was very consistent across the paddock producing huge heads and large grain. Standability was excellent, with the crop averaging 3.7 tonnes per hectare. Atrazine was applied post plant, pre-emergence. The crop was sprayed out with glyphosate

The excellent rain this winter enabled Ernie to double-crop the paddock back to chickpeas, which are currently looking very good.



**Ben Marshall**  
pictured in  
Boongulla Grazing's  
Bonus.MR paddock,  
which averaged 3  
tonnes per hectare