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## Rain falls and costs rise

Widespread rain across much of the State has created increased demand for agricultural inputs according to the NSW Farmers' Association.

Mark Hoskinson, Chair of the NSW Farmers' Association Grains Committee, says it's important that grain growers are aware of the impact recent rain may have on the cost of their fuel, fertiliser and agricultural chemicals, particularly knockdown chemicals.

"We had already witnessed price increases in fertiliser and chemicals prior to the rain and now heightened demand has seen supply dwindle in some areas of the State and the prices subsequently increase again," Mr Hoskinson said.

"In some areas of the State there is already a waiting list at local retail outlets for such products."

Mr Hoskinson says the costs associated with fuel, fertiliser and chemical purchases make up the largest portion of the variable costs associated with broadacre farming so farmers need to think ahead.

"Farmers will need to be in control of their input requirements in order negotiate reasonable prices from their agricultural retailer for the coming season.

"We want Members to be informed of the price increase now so they can make decisions about their supply situation in accordance with their budget," Mr Hoskinson said.

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