

# CATCHING UP WITH CHARLIE



## We caught up with Charlie McCuish from Springhill Farms for a quick chat

**Q. How would you describe your business?**

A. Basically we own and operate on a 5,000 acre property near Horsham. We grow and harvest wheat, barely, canola, lentils and faber beans. We're a family run business so everyone chips in. We've been operating for over 20 years with no intentions of slowing down, weather permitting.

**Q. What is your background?**

A. I grew up on a small farm. When I left home, I went out and got some work experience on other farms before getting married to my wonderful wife. We moved in with my father in law on to Springhill Farms and have been here ever since.



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**Q. And how's your farm doing?**

A. We've had two good years since 2016, but we've also had our fair share of droughts. We're always dealing with weed control and dust during the harvest. You've got to be really dynamite on the weeds. Crop rotation and is crucial so that you're not allowing the weeds to build up resistance.

**Q. What is the most difficult job you've had involving compressed air?**

A. We mainly use portable compressed air for blowing down the harvest. It's a constant battle getting dust off the crops. Compressed air is also great with blowing down hay bailers and cleaning the floors of my workshop. It's an essential farm tool. When I first got my 185 I took it up to the house to please my wife by blowing out the pagoda and cobwebs around the outside of our house. She was very happy with me for doing that.

**Q. What is your favourite Sullair product?**

A. We've got the 185 off the trailer. I think it's about 12 months old now. We've made a couple of modifications on the front with adding a tool box for our safety gear. It uses a diesel engine which is really reliable. We needed to use our warranty last month to the fix a minor valve leak in the water trap. We received the new part, no questions asked, within 3-4 days. Denver and the Sullair regional support team do an excellent job, we love working them.

**Q. Where do you see the industry moving in the next 5-10 years?**

A. There are challenges all the time but I can see improvements happening all around the farming and agriculture

industry here in Australia. We're getting access to far better technology and machinery such as satellite imaging to pin point bio mass in the products and the yield monitors are getting better as well.

**Q. What is your proudest Sullair moment?**

A. Teaching my son to use the compressor. He's 22 and uses it 3-4 times a day. Sullair products really help us to manage the farm on a daily basis. I'd recommend Sullair to any farmer, It's a top product.



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