

## **Mark Andrew Skewes – Research Scientist, Primary Industries and Regions SA**

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Mark Skewes joined the South Australian Department of Agriculture in 1986, and currently works for the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), at Loxton Research Centre. Mark has many years' experience in all aspects of irrigated crop management, including irrigation scheduling, and soil and plant water monitoring. Mark has also developed a system for benchmarking irrigation management within horticulture.

Mark's recent work includes developing a smart phone app for assessing water stress in vines. Mark has also trialled a range of alternative irrigated crops in South Australia, including Guar, and more recently Industrial Hemp.