

# hay making



This lucerne was recognised with a state award for quality.

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Mr Vallender recently reconfigured the direction of the business by selling the valuable landforming equipment that he had used for eight years on irrigation renewal projects in the northern area. Importantly, he also used it to set his own farm up with a modern irrigation system.

"Once the government money dries up you won't be able to give them away, so I decided the time for me to get out of it is now," Mr

Vallender said.  
"I've just sold it all and I'm going back to baling my own hay. We used to cut, rake and bale for other people but we'll probably only be doing the baling this season. I see more money to be made in farm gear."

Among the "gear" is a Krone HDP 1290 high-speed square baler purchased from Echuca CIH, plus a Kuhn 2160 round baler and a John Deere 495 Super Conditioner.

Among the other crops Mr

Vallender has in are oats and vetch, straight oats and sub and lucerne, while more lucerne will go in when the oats come off.

He said he sowed "heavy" and expected high tonnages per hectare as a result.

"It's been an exceptional season here; I won't have to water the oats and vetch at all," he said.

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Brett Vallender sees more future in agriculture than in his other business, landforming.

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