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Even with these limitations we believe this information kit provides important and valuable information for intending and existing growers.

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Using this guide

The handbook is constructed around two important principles. Firstly, it focuses on the core information that is most needed and regularly used by growers. Hence, it does not provide detailed information on all areas of growing the crop; where additional information is available and considered useful for further study, references are provided. Secondly, the information is presented in line with how it has been sought from the authors over a number of years. Hence, there are different chapters of the handbook designed to suit different needs. Here is a brief roadmap:

If you are an:

Intending grower
(thinking about
growing brassica)

New grower (about to
establish a crop, in
the process of doing
so, or in the first year
or two of growing the
crop)

Established or more
experienced grower

Start with:

Before you start—a checklist of the things you need to know before you start growing the crop, and will give you the best introduction into other sections of the handbook. Other useful chapters are:

Common questions—the most commonly asked questions about growing the crop

Contacts—a list of industry organisations, product suppliers

References—further reading

Growing the crop—the authors' guide for establishing, growing, harvesting and marketing the crop and will refer to other appropriate sections of the handbook where needed. Other useful chapters are:

Key issues—detailed information on the key decisions for brassica growers

Contacts—list of industry organisations, product suppliers

References—further reading

Handy guides—list of chemicals currently registered in Queensland and their registered uses

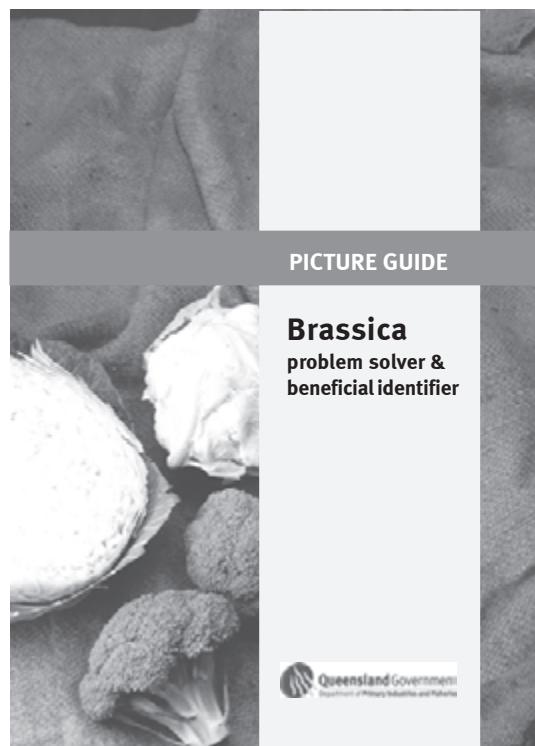
Key issues—this chapter contains the most detailed technical information on the key decisions for growers. Other useful chapters are:
Handy guides—list of chemicals currently registered in Queensland and their registered uses

Remember that
the handbook
contains a
detailed index

Limitations

There are some limitations in using this handbook. These include:

- The book does not contain colour pictures of pests, diseases or other problems that occur in brassica crops. Phototgraphs of these, along with suggestions on how to solve them, are found in the companion book—*PICTURE GUIDE: Brassica problem solver and beneficial identifier*.



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- We do not intend that the handbook be used as the only tool in reaching key management decisions. We always recommend that you also seek independent advice from consultants and other professionals servicing your industry.
- Chemical registrations can change. Always check the registration details on the label before using the product. Sources of updated information are found in Chapter 5, *Contacts and references*.
- Varieties can also change quickly. Consult seedling or seed suppliers and other professionals servicing the industry for up-to-date varietal advice.

