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## Special Seminar

**Tues. May 26, 2026**

**9:00 a.m. BLS 402  
and on Zoom**

**John Kirkegaard**

**CSIRO, Canberra,  
Australia**



### ***Farming the Driest Continent on Earth: Transforming productivity through farming systems synergies***

Dr John Kirkegaard (FAA) is a Chief Research Scientist at CSIRO in Canberra, Australia whose research teams develop innovative agronomic approaches to improve the efficiency of water use on farms for improved food security. Research focus areas have included improved crop sequences (canola and legumes), improved subsoil water use and water-use efficiency by crops, development and integration of dual-purpose crops, and improved productivity in conservation agriculture systems. Awarded the Eureka Prize in sustainable agriculture in 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 2016. His Fulbright Distinguished Chair at Kansas State University (April to September 2026) aims to share research approaches to improve productivity of wheat farming systems, a crop central to global food security and rural prosperity.

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