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The third quarter of the 2011-12 financial year has seen continued good progress with all major milestones remaining on target.

Development continued on the steep slope feller machine which focused on safety and operator comfort while working on steep slopes up to 45 degrees. Of particular note, construction of the steep slope feller prototype was completed.

Other projects to note is a project aimed at developing measurement protocols for steep slope machine evaluations and a development plan for a remote grapple control system.

A concept plan for an innovative cable yarding extraction system was approved to proceed to development stage and two bi-annual Harvesting Technology Watch reports summarising new international developments were completed.