

Mysterious crop markings

AN Eyre Peninsula farmer has found a mysterious marking in his wheat field.

Steven Jarvis, who owns a farm 14 kilometres east of Tooligie Hill, said he found the marking while reaping his crop, about a week after Christmas.

He said the marking measured three metres across and was 'dough-nut' in shape.

Mr Jarvis said it was the first time he had found such markings on his farm.

"I've talked to my neighbours about it and one of them had exactly the same circles on his farm," he said.

Mr Jarvis said he did not believe the marking was a hoax.

"The crop was growing right to the edge of the circle so it can't have been sprayed, or you would have wheat dying around the edge."

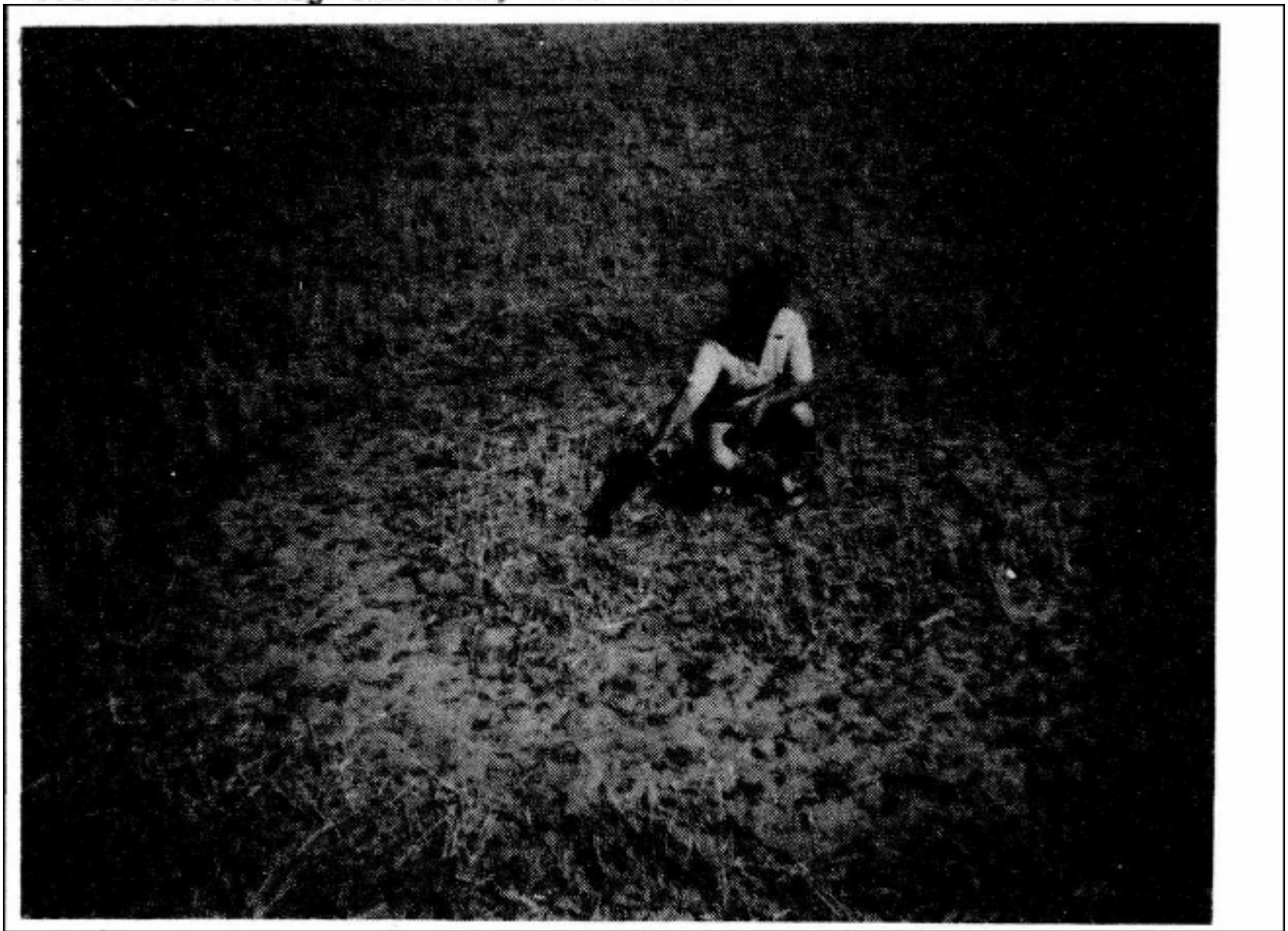
A spokesman for UFO Research Incorporated South Australia Jim Atwell said the markings, often known as crop

circles, did not frequently occur in South Australia.

Mr Atwell said he had heard of a similar circle being discovered in a field near Bordertown, in the State's South East.

He said the more elaborate crop circles could usually be explained as fakes, however there were no explanations for markings such as those found at Tooligie Hill.

"People have offered all kinds of explanations, from pranksters to mating kangaroos, but no-one really knows," he said.



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