



GRAIN PRODUCERS SA
The voice of South Australian growers

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‘Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy’ coming to a location near YOU!

Grain Producers SA, on behalf of Primary Producers SA, and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) are partnering to deliver the Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy! campaign.

Theory workshops will be held to provide primary producers with industry-specific information regarding the NHVR Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual, road safety awareness, their compliance and maintenance responsibilities, the requirements of the regulator and the possible changes that may be introduced to SA’s Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme.

In addition, all theory workshop participants have the opportunity to take part in an inspection to receive valuable hints and tips prior to their own heavy vehicle inspections starting.

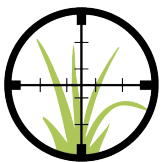
Workshops kick off on the Eyre Peninsula in early March, with locations including Streaky Bay, Lock, Cowell and Kimba. Registration currently remains open for workshops across the state – but hurry spots are limited!

For more information, or to register for our Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy! workshops, go to: www.tinyurl.com/HVMErego

This program is funded by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator’s Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program, with the support of the Federal Government.



Remember to ‘Hit Your Target’ when spraying!



HIT YOUR TARGET
+ spray your own paddock +

Recent summer rainfall across parts of the state has accelerated summer spraying programs. If you’re spraying, make sure that you are considering your neighbours and are taking proactive steps to control spray drift this season.

GPSA’s ‘Hit Your Target’ campaign has a number of resources for growers and conveys best practice information to help growers ‘Hit Your Target’ and reduce the likelihood of spray drift and off target damage. Growers must adopt best practice strategies and equipment to minimise spray drift and off-target damage, particularly in areas neighbouring viticultural and horticultural crops.

Grapevines are highly susceptible to off-target herbicides, so it is critical to not underestimate the distance of impact and ensure weather conditions are suitable in such areas.

We remind growers to be particularly alert to NOT spray during inversion conditions. Inversion conditions are

more likely in the early morning, evening and overnight.

Planning before any spraying operation is critical to avoiding spray drift, including choosing products carefully, selecting the correct droplet size and avoiding inversion conditions.

Biosecurity SA will pursue all reports of anyone who has either deliberately or negligently caused damage to others by not following regulatory requirements. If caught and prosecuted, offences can carry a maximum penalty of \$35,000.

More information on how to ‘Hit Your Target’ during your summer spraying is available here:

www.tinyurl.com/GPSA-HYT



GM Crop Moratorium Update

GPSA is continuing to advocate for regulatory certainty to access GM technology and will provide updates to our membership as the situation changes. The Government has now introduced legislation to limit SA's moratorium to Kangaroo Island in anticipation of a disallowance of the current regulations.

The most up-to-date information for growers is available at www.grainproducerssa.com.au



2019/20 Post-harvest Survey now open!

Our 2019/20 Post-harvest survey is now open! GPSA's regular surveys help to identify areas of concern for our members and for the broader industry. This year's post-harvest survey asks growers about their experiences with drought conditions, contract terms, on-farm storage, GM crops, the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice, and more.

Surveys completed before April 30 will go into the draw to win a \$500 fuel voucher! Enter now: www.tinyurl.com/2020GPSAPHS

India fumigation protocol creates new opportunity for Australian malting barley

At the beginning of this month, India issued a notification to the World Trade Organisation Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of a change in the import conditions applying to Australian malting barley. Specifically, the new conditions will allow phosphine fumigation at a rate within Australia's label usage rates, as an alternative fumigant to methyl bromide.

Grain Producers Australia Chairman Mr Andrew Weidemann said, "The proposed changes are a great opportunity for the Australian malting barley industry, allowing us to look at extending the number of markets for our barley."

GIMAF Executive Manager Tony Russell said, "The Indian market offers new export opportunities for Australian malting barley and reduces our dependence on the Chinese market in particular."

While the specifics of when the market will be open for grain trading are yet to be confirmed, it is likely to be available for the upcoming season, presenting promising news for growers.

GPSA will continue to keep growers up to date on this emerging opportunity. This update has been provided as a result of information from Grain Producers Australia and the Grains Industry Market Access Forum.

Emerging Leaders attend innovation session at Waite Campus



GPSA's Emerging Leaders cohort convened this month for their fifth session, which focused on innovation in the grain industry. The inaugural cohort of the program were guests of the Waite Research Institute and hosted at SARDI's Plant Research Centre in Urrbrae to familiarise participants with the research activities undertaken at the Waite Campus, the largest concentration of agricultural research and teaching expertise in the southern hemisphere.

Policy issues concerning the adoption of new technology were a significant focus of the day, including access to genetically modified crops. This included meeting with SA-Best MLC Frank Pangallo to discuss his pathway into politics and reflections on agricultural representation in the GM crop debate.

Emerging Leaders Chad Nickolls and Andrew Lehmann were also able to attend the recent AdvanceAg conference in Adelaide which highlighted the latest thinking in AgTech and demonstrated the practical on-farm benefits. Andrew said the conference, which was funded by the South Australian Government, was focused on collaboration to ensure that the technology is ultimately adopted by growers. Emerging Leader Nat Sommerville was also able to represent GPSA at the Thriving Women Conference which was held on 24 & 25 February.

More information on AdvanceAg is available at www.tinyurl.com/AdvanceAg

Drought support information

Information on dry conditions support and assistance measures can be found on GPSA's website at www.tinyurl.com/drought2020



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