

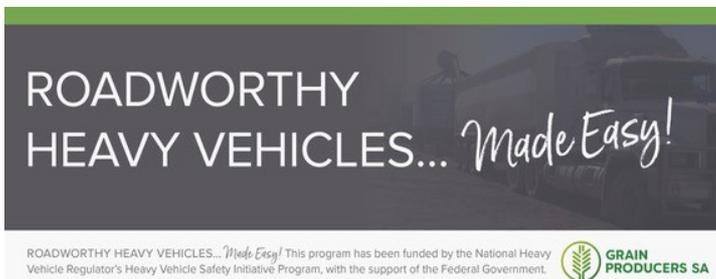


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## Registrations open for 'Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy!' workshops



**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.**

The campaign has been designed to help SA primary producers understand road safety and their compliance and maintenance responsibilities for heavy vehicle roadworthiness.

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 the scheme in 2020.

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.

Early registrants may have the opportunity to have their own vehicle inspected for FREE as part of each practical workshop, however spots are limited.

To register expressions of interest for the Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy! workshops, visit [www.tinyurl.com/HVME2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/HVME2020) or for more information visit GPSA's website at [www.grainproducerssa.com.au](http://www.grainproducerssa.com.au)

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

## GM regulations cautiously welcomed

**South Australia's moratorium on genetically modified crops is likely to be a significant focus when Parliament returns in February, with the Government re-introducing regulations to enable the lawful commercial cultivation of GM crops on mainland SA from 1 January 2020.**

While GPSA cautiously welcomed these new regulations following the defeat of legislation in Parliament late last year, it is expected that Greens MLC Mark Parnell will immediately move to disallow these regulations, which (if successful) would re-instate the moratorium across South Australia.

For that reason, GPSA has warned growers to exercise caution given the legal uncertainty which exists at this stage. If the moratorium is reintroduced, growers possessing

GM material may face fines of up to \$200,000 under the current provisions of the Act.

GPSA's clear objective is to remove the moratorium and give growers on mainland SA the freedom of choice to access the crops which best suit their farming systems.

That's why GPSA is working behind the scenes in Parliament to secure support for this important reform for SA's grain industry in 2020.

Whether the moratorium is removed by regulation or by legislation is ultimately for the Government and Parliament to decide.

GPSA will continue to work with all sides of politics to see a workable solution achieved in adopting GM technology; which provides certainty for the industry and restores a level playing field in the

regulation of GM crops relative to our interstate counterparts.

More information is available on GPSA's website at [www.grainproducerssa.com.au](http://www.grainproducerssa.com.au)





## Gearing up for 2030 - Grain Industry Blueprint working groups coming to a close

In the first half of this year, one of Grain Producers SA's top priorities is to draft and finalise the South Australian Grain Industry Blueprint.

Since the State Government announced funding for the Blueprint in June 2019, Jonathan Wilson has been appointed the Blueprint manager and a steering committee established, chaired by Dr Don Plowman.

To drive investment, expansion and growth in SA's primary industries, the State Government has set an objective to lift the sustainable economic growth rate in SA to an average of three per cent per year. This equates to the grain industry contributing \$6 billion to gross food revenue by 2030.

Through research and consultation, six key pillars have been identified which the Blueprint will be structured around. These pillars are market

opportunities, adding value, biosecurity and market access, infrastructure, building industry capacity and innovation. Working groups have been established under each pillar with representation from across the industry, including growers, advisers, researchers, traders and government.

The final industry working groups are set to be conducted within the next fortnight. The draft blueprint document established from the working groups will then be available for wider industry consultation, with the Blueprint team embarking on a roadshow throughout April and May this year.

People working across all facets of the SA grain industry are encouraged to make every effort to attend one of the roadshow sessions, as the Blueprint represents a unique and exciting opportunity for all grain industry stakeholders to shape their industry's future for the next decade and beyond.

**This project is proudly supported by the Government of South Australia.**

For more information visit GPSA's website at [www.grainproducerssa.com.au](http://www.grainproducerssa.com.au) or contact GPSA via email for any Blueprint enquiries at [blueprint@grainproducerssa.com.au](mailto:blueprint@grainproducerssa.com.au)

## Status update on barley MRLs for key markets

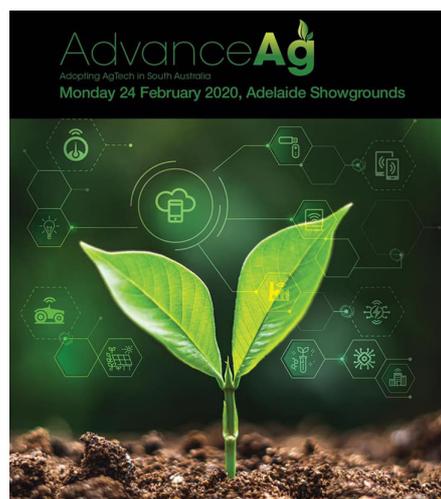
On the 30th of December 2019, Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety published a revision of their food regulations, including numerous pesticide MRL changes. This is a result of an ongoing review concerning IMI tolerate barley varieties in relation to imidazoline chemical use.

The review of the Import Tolerance application from BASF for an MRL for Imazapyr on barley has now been completed earlier than expected. Hence, an MRL for imazapyr of

0.7mg/kg now applies on barley, as has been adopted into Korea's regulations.

It is advised that growers should take caution to manage any market access issues relating to the use of IMI chemistry and the trading of Clearfield barley varieties to those markets, to ensure compliance with MRL requirements.

GPSA will continue to keep growers updated on this issue.



## Calling all Producers and Farmers - Advance Ag to showcase AgTech in SA

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) is proud to present AdvanceAg - South Australia's first AgTech showcase on Monday 24 February 2020.

AdvanceAg will explore the latest thinking in AgTech innovation and demonstrate its practical application and on-farm benefits through case studies from fellow producers, AgTech developers, and industry leaders.

Hear ideas on cutting edge technologies

from local, national and global sources, including keynote speaker Dr. Astorre Modena from Terra Venture Partners in Israel, and Darren Thomas, CEO of Thomas Foods International.

**For the full event program and to register, visit [www.pir.sa.gov.au/advance-ag](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/advance-ag)**

## Drought support information

Information on dry conditions support and assistance measures can be found on GPSA's website at [www.tinyurl.com/drought2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/drought2019)