



GRAIN PRODUCERS SA
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National Farm Safety Week – Tips and Tools for Growers

In recognition of National Farm Safety Week, GPSA is encouraging growers to access a range of resources to promote their safety and wellbeing, both on and off-farm!

National Farm Safety Week (18-24 July) is held each year to raise awareness of farm safety issues across Australia. This initiative is championed by Farmsafe Australia and highlights the importance of maintaining a safe workplace, and individual mental health and wellbeing.

GPSA strongly encourages growers to access ifarmwell's practical tips for wellbeing.

ifarmwell is a free online tool kit to help farmers cope effectively with life's challenges and get the most out of every day. The program has been designed based on what Australian farmers have said they want and what research shows will help.

The ifarmwell program can be found online at www.ifarmwell.com.au

GPSA has also previously partnered with SafeWork SA and

Growing SA 2021 postponed

GROWING SA has been postponed until Friday 25 February 2022 in response to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions within the state and interstate.

The revised timing schedules GROWING SA three weeks before the State Election and positions it as a pre-election forum for the agriculture industry. So put Friday 25 February 2022 in your diary – this is not to be missed!

GPSA's Annual General Meeting will proceed on Monday 23 August. Further information will be distributed to members.

Read the full media release here: <https://bit.ly/3BuCn9L>

other Primary Producers SA commodity groups to produce the Farmers Guidebook to work health and safety, to help growers understand their responsibilities under work health and safety law.

The Farmers Guidebook to work health and safety is available at the GPSA website via tinyurl.com/GPSA-SafetyResources

Growers looking for additional resources can head to farmsafe.org.au and check out the news and resources pages for tips on how to stay safe on farm!

Additionally, Grain Producers Australia also offers a range of farm safety training modules, accessible via gpatraining.com.au



THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S
GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES



NEW GROWING SA
CONFERENCE DATES
ANNOUNCED:

24-25 FEBRUARY 2022

ADELAIDE HILLS CONVENTION CENTRE, HAHNDORF



VISIT THE GROWING SA WEBSITE



SAVE THE DATE! GPSA AGM - Monday 23 August 2021, Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf.

RSVP: info@grainproducerssa.com.au

A copy of the full meeting notice can be downloaded via grainproducerssa.com.au/members/#agm

Industry relevant COVID-19 updates are available on the PIRSA COVID-19 and primary industries portal via www.pir.sa.gov.au

Land Access Inquiry Update

GPSA have formally presented to the Select Committee, as the SA Parliament Land Access Inquiry continues.

Earlier this year, a Select Committee was established to inquire and report on SA's land access arrangements concerning mining and exploration activity on agricultural land.

GPSA's submission to the Select Committee is available via the GPSA website: <https://grainproducerssa.com.au/submissions/>

GPSA formally presented to the Select Committee on 19 July 2021. GPSA's presentation highlighted the need for South Australia's land access framework to recognise the importance of, and better protect, cropping land in South Australia. The Hansard record of GPSA's evidence will be available to the public via the SA Parliament website in the coming weeks.

GPSA will continue to keep members informed as the Inquiry continues.

The final report is set to be tabled in November this year, ahead of the 2022 election.

Ag-Vet Chem Review final report released

The final report has been released to mark the conclusion of the federal, independent review of the pesticides and veterinary medicines regulatory system.

In the report released last week, the independent panel made 58 recommendations to strengthen the nation's pesticides and veterinary medicines regulatory system.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said the report was "the culmination of a long-held push to cut red tape".

GPSA was involved in the review's consultation process through its membership of both GPA and NFF committees.

You can access both the NFF and GPA submissions via tinyurl.com/AgVetChemReviewSubmissions

It has been the grain industry's focus to ensure the Ag-Chem regulatory system has a commercial focus on giving farmers timely access to chemical products, supported by scientific evidence and standards, to run their businesses more efficiently and profitably, while maintaining the right balance of regulation so the system can provide ongoing public confidence in human and environmental health and safety outcomes.

Although several of the Report's recommendations are positive for the grain industry, there is some concern stemming from certain recommendations, such as the dilution of responsibility of the APVMA which poses risk to public confidence and international market access.

You can read the full report via tinyurl.com/AgVetChemReviewReport

GPSA will update growers on the Government's implementation response to the final report.

AEGIC Virtual Crop Inspection initiative continues in 2021

In 2020, the Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC) led a new virtual series of crop inspections to keep Australia's grain customers well-informed in lieu of being able to travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The videos helped to maintain the connection with customers who would usually travel to see crops first-hand, visiting farms, receival sites, ports and research companies.

Following strong demand from international customers, AEGIC and the Australian grains industry are once again delivering free virtual crop inspections to international grain markets in 2021.

The videos are a collaboration between grain producers and organisations across Australia, and cover eastern Australia, South Australia and Western Australia.

The videos are translated into Indonesian, Mandarin, Japanese, Vietnamese and Arabic and distributed to flour millers, brewers, maltsters, government agencies, traders, and other stakeholders across 12 countries.

GPSA is a strong supporter of the initiative in South Australia.

GPSA grower directors James Heaslip, and John Gladigau's collaborative farm Bulla Burra, feature in the latest video available to watch via www.aegic.org.au/international-customers/virtual-crop-inspections/



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