

AUSTRALIAN GRAIN STORAGE & PROTECTION CONFERENCE

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National Working Party on Grain Protection



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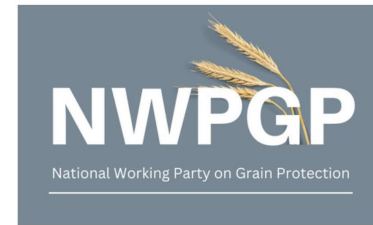
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CONFERENCE REPORT



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The Australian Grain Storage and Protection Conference is convened by Grain Trade Australia and chaired by National Working Party on Grain Protection (NWPGP) which is funded by Grains Australia Limited.

MEETING MARKET REQUIREMENTS

The Australian grain industry came together for **the 51st Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference on the 5th and the 6th of June 2024**. Delegates were treated to a professional and information packed 2 days supporting the work and objectives of the National Working Party on Grain Protection (NWPGP).

Conference Chair Gerard McMullen commented “this the 51st Australian Grain Storage and Protection Conference is an important occasion and event in the calendar of the grain industry and supports the important role of science combined with stewardship within the supply chain to enhance the reputation of the Australian grain industry as a provider of a quality and safe product.” Grain Trade Australia’s (GTA) Deputy Chair, Ms Michelle Kerr, opened the Conference welcoming delegates and noted that in 2024 the astute consumer is indeed asking, where, what and how has the food on my plate got here.

Over 37 speakers and industry experts provided information to 180 delegates on a range of research findings, communication and extension activities conducted and supported by various industry and government organisations such as the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), Grains Research and Development Corporation’s (GRDC) Grain Storage Extension Team and state Government agencies.

A clear message was that as market expectations increase and become more demanding there is a requirement for both industry and government to consider how to ensure supply chain participants are capable and adequately trained in the necessary steps to be compliant. Extension services, information and training and having Standards to apply were considered critical tools the industry and its supply chain can aspire to. It was reinforced that further opportunities exist to work with the sector to develop specific extension material addressing issues such as grain hygiene practices, the correct application of fumigants and the impact poor practices can have on market access.

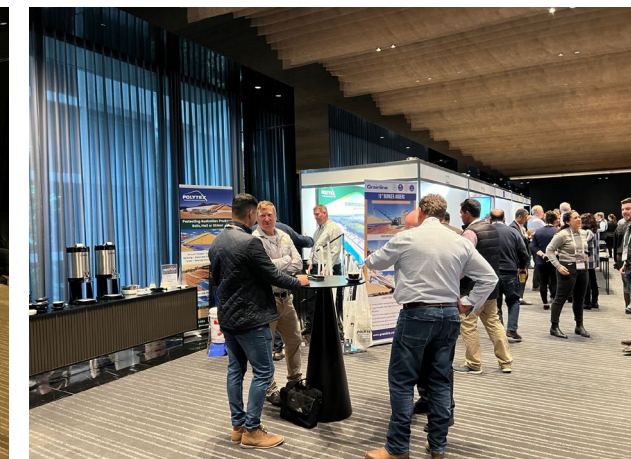
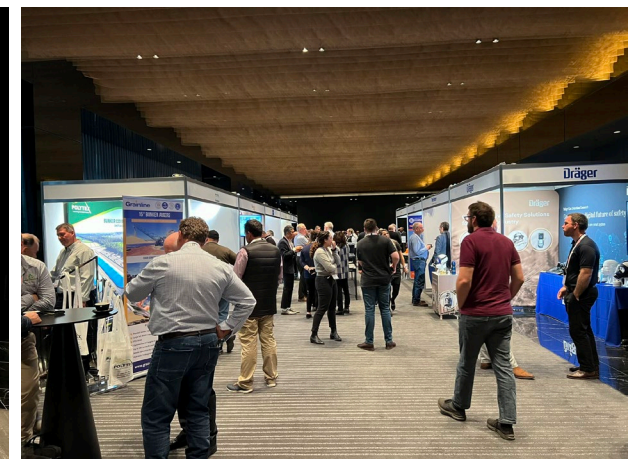
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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

37
Speakers

182 Delegates



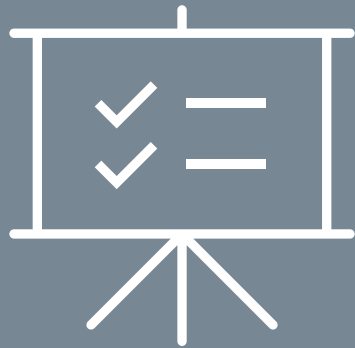
Conference
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9 Gold
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2 day
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM & SPEAKERS



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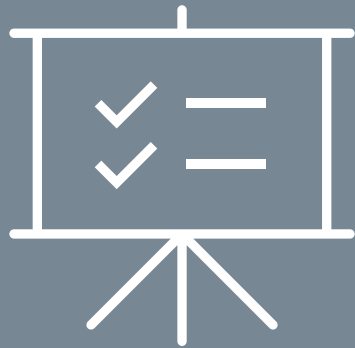
DAY 1

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Lead
	Registration and tea/coffee	
	Official Welcome	
	2024 meeting formalities	Michelle Kerr, Deputy Chair Grain Trade Australia
	Update from APVMA on activities and chemical review	Gerard McMullen, Chair NWPGP
	Latest Market Requirements	
	Efficacy and safety data requirements to register a new grain protectant product	Gaye Weller / Leah Macdonald, APVMA
	The role of superintendents in certifying the pesticide residue status of consignments, general market requirements and findings	Miz Rahman, APVMA
	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor	James Saunders, Control Union
	Morning tea break - Sponsored by Symbio Labs	
	Insect Status, Control & Research	
	Current status of insect resistance & insect resistance management strategy	Manoj Nayak, QLD DAF
	Insect infestation trends	Floor input
	Treatments in the supply chain	Floor input
	Research in progress on establishing 'safe venting periods' for on-farm fumigation, label review	Manoj Nayak / Gordon Cumming, GRDC
	Industry response to the APVMA Fenitrothion review	Gerard McMullen, Chair NWPGP
	Local control methods for pest management	Chris Warrick, GRDC Extension Team
	Sponsored by Symbio Labs	
	Richard Ellis, Ellis & Sons	
	Sustainable Actions for Market Access	
	Gold Sponsor	
	Market regulators – an EU example	Nithin Roy, Draeger
	Market findings	Jo Grainger, DAF
	Sustainability	Rosemary Richards, Sustainable Grains Australia
	Sponsored by Symbio Labs	
		Bjorn Reijnen, Cargill

PRESENTATIONS & SESSIONS



CONFERENCE PROGRAM & SPEAKERS



SPEAKERS



Gerard McMullen
Chair - NWPGP



Michelle Kerr
Dep Chair - GTA



Gaye Weller,
APVMA



Leah Macdonald
APVMA



Miz Rahman
APVMA



James Saunders
Control Union



Manoj Nayak
QLD DAF



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GRDC



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Jo Grainger
DAFF



Rosemary Richards
SGA



Bjorn Reijnen
Cargill Australia



Brodie Foster
QLD DAF



Jenna Garwood
NRS



Mark Earles
GRDC Extension Team



Ben White
GRDC Extension Team



Alex Conway
GRDC Extension Team



Brock Dembowski
GRDC Extension Team



Raj Jagadeesan
QLD DAF



Pat Wilson
GrainCorp

SPEAKERS



Tim Ross
Grain Trade Australia



Bhawana Bhattarai
Agriculture VIC



Cassandra Walker
Agriculture VIC



Ray Elson
DAFF



Leigh Burgess
Riordan Grain Services



Sudhan Shah
QLD DAF



David Marrs
Douglas Products



Richard Ellis
Ellis & Sons



Nithin Roy
Draeger



Justin Tumaming
Syensqo



Rod Martin
Polytex/Grainline



Ferdi Meyer
Ronin



Raul Ovelar
Perkin Elmer



Dr Swaminathan
Draslovka

We thank our speakers, top industry experts with years of experience. They volunteer and commit their time to bring you the latest industry updates in Australian Grain Storage & Protection.

CONFERENCE INSIGHTS



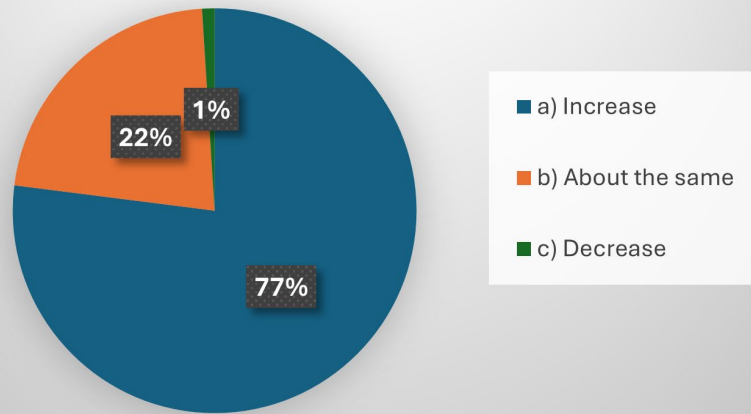
- Regulations in Australia
- Chemical Regulations
- Insect Status & Control via Fumigation
- Phosphine fumigation
- Sustainable Actions for Market Access
- Industry On-Farm Activities
- GRDC update
- Storage Standards
- Market Access issues
- National Residue Survey
- Industry chemical market access priorities
- MRLS
- New technologies and updates from sponsors

LIVE POLLING

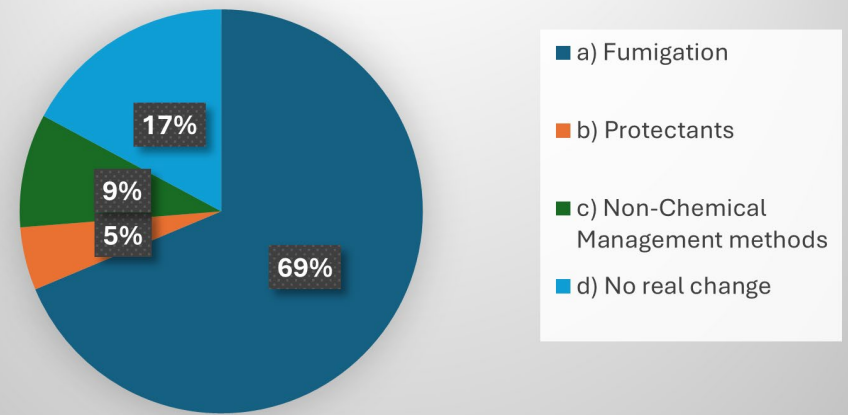


- Live polling of delegates was used to capture the mood on many key points throughout the 2-day event. This was conducted through Conference App
- These polls, collected anonymously and live from the audience, presented an invaluable opportunity to get insights into the industry participant's position and opinion on many important topics.

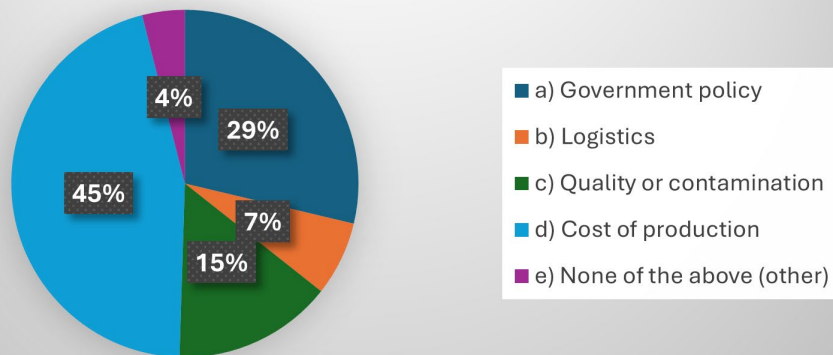
1. Over the past year have you seen insect pressure:



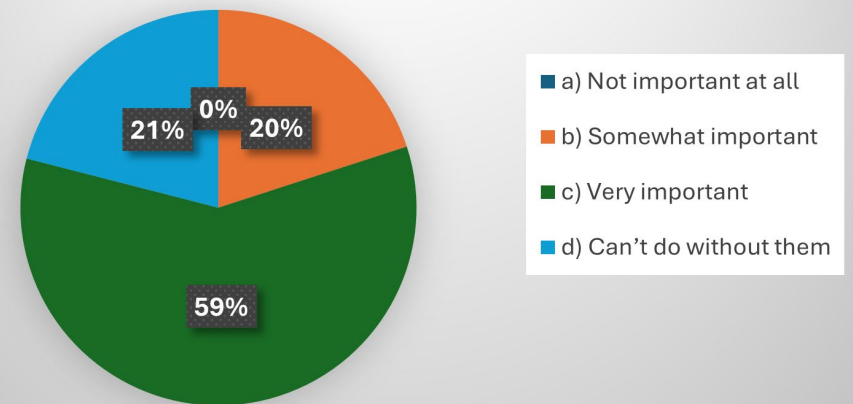
2. Over the past year have you increased reliance on:



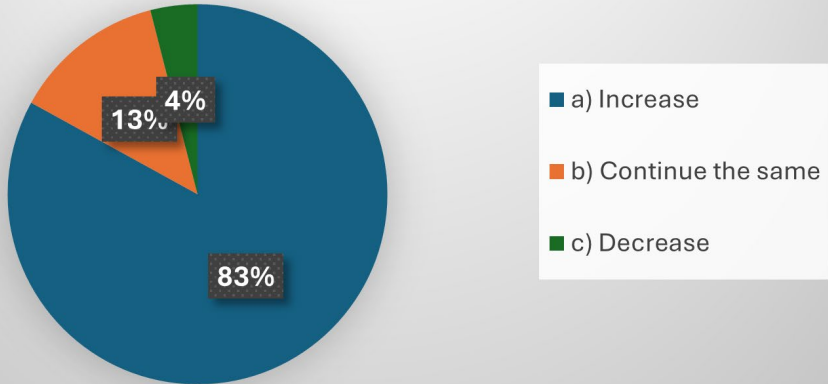
4. What do you think is the biggest challenge in marketing Australia's grain?



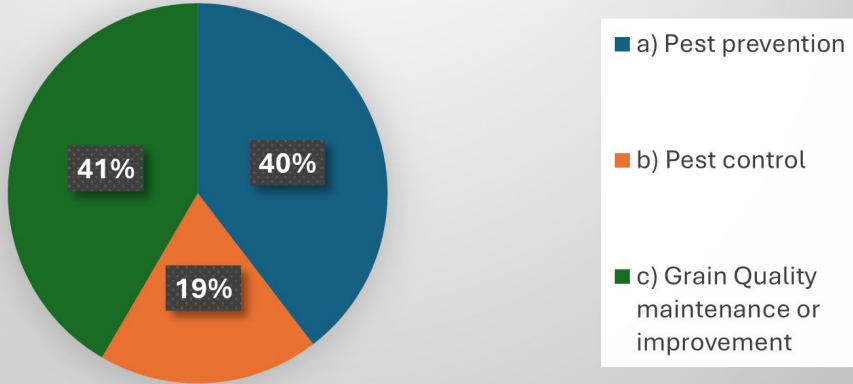
3. How important are grain protectants to control insect pests?



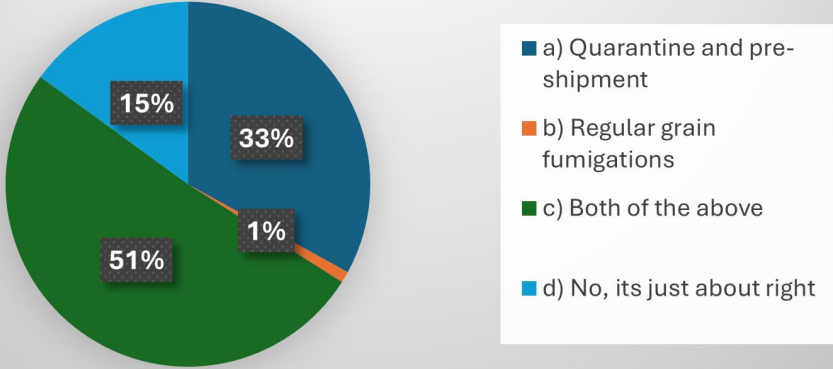
5. Do you think investment into grain storage development and extension should:



6. Where do you think the next big advancement should be in Australian Grain Storage:



7. Does the industry rely too much on methyl bromide for the following treatments?



NETWORKING FUNCTION



CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

100%

Thought Program was relevant and appropriate

97%

Thought conference was good value for money

96%

Agreed Conference met their expectations

99%

Found value in the networking event

100%

Said registration process was simple & streamlined

100%

Would attend future events

CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

100%

Would recommend to a colleague in the industry

84%

Agreed venue was suitable for the event

70%

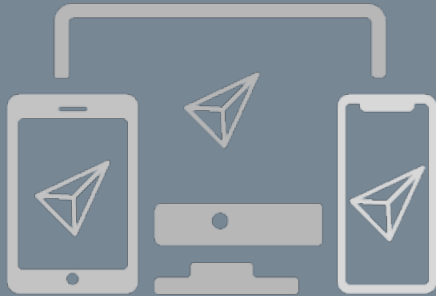
Attended this conference previously

Majority of attendees represented 3 groups:
Storage/Handling company or
Chemical Company or
Government & Research

79%

Heard about the conference from GTA or word of mouth

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK



I think was the best conference that I have been to - in the last 3 years. Felt like we had more variety on the topics and potentially just lots of hot discussions on the table at the moment which was great to see those represented. Thanks for all your efforts!! Came together extremely well.

It was a pleasure to see the coverage broadened further from last year. Sustainability was mentioned for the first time. The repetitive phosphine resistance survey presentations were reduced somewhat. Increased discussion on what to do about the well-established threat.

Food was incredible, speakers were good and great environment provided to facilitate interaction with other members of industry - great value for the money.

The interactive quiz was a big hit

Was very good to hear how farmers need to work hard to get storage right which makes as a great channel to deliver information and upgrade silos for monitoring grain conditions

Always a pleasure to attend

An overwhelming number of respondents asked for a bigger venue next year due to increasing numbers of the attendees.

The program content was relevant and appropriate. A wide range of speakers, researchers and representatives from APVMA, GRDC, federal DAFF, QLD DAF, Agriculture VIC and other peak bodies/organisations of grain industry.

I liked the voting innovation but thought the questions asked need more work. Also think the presentations need to be voted on maybe at the end of each session.

I thought Agenda was controlled well and the conference ran to the agenda and time

More farmers need to be present as they make up a big part of the chain of phosphine management. The leading farmers who can show others the issues/solutions etc.

There was a lot packed into 2 days Agenda!

I had plenty of opportunities to engage with stakeholders, with plenty of productive discussions.