

Member Update

Title: Clarification of the Sprouted Sorghum Definition

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1. Issue

Industry has contacted GTA for clarification in relation to the definition for Sprouted Sorghum.

This Member Update has been provided to help clarify that and other GTA standards definitions in relation to defective grain.

2. Background

Every year the GTA Standards Committee reviews, develops and distributes the wheat and coarse grain standards.

This process begins with a set of draft proposed changes to the Standards as recommended by industry and determined by the Standards Committee. These recommendations are then submitted to industry, via a GTA Member Update, calling for industry comment.

This process is repeated till there is general consensus by the Committee before a recommendation is put to the GTA Board for endorsement and posted on the GTA website for industry adoption by the 1 August 2013.

The GTA Standards Committee is currently in the process of reviewing and clarifying all the GTA Standards including the definitions for 2013/2014. The proposed amendments will be provided to industry by a Member Update for feedback on the 30 April 2013.

GTA welcomes submission on all matters relating to the standards. Submission should be sent to admin@graintrade.org.au

3. Definitions - Sprouted Grain

The Standards booklets for sorghum and other commodities provide the definitions for all defective grains. These definitions are also included in the **GTA Visual Recognition Standards Guide**.

The **Visual Recognition Standards Guide** depicts the minimum affected standard for a sprouted grain and other grain defects. Industry should be aware that the images in the **Visual Recognition Standards Guide** are the minimum required, unless otherwise noted, for grains to be classified as that defect. To provide absolute clarity to industry for the 2012/13 season the image in the **Visual Recognition Standards Guide** should be used for classification purposes of sprouted grains in Sorghum. This guide is available on the GTA website www.graintrade.org.au

The GTA Standards Committee is currently reviewing the defective grain definitions to ensure there is consistency with the images depicted in the Visual Recognition Standards Guide for the 2013/14 season.