

# MemberUpdate

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**TOPIC: NWPGP 2015 Agreed Conference Outcomes & 2015/16 Chemical Outturn Tolerances**

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## 1. NWPGP 2015 Agreed Conference Outcomes

Outcomes from the 2015 National Working Party on Grain Protection (NWPGP) Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference held in Melbourne 16-17 June 2015 has been posted on the GTA website

[http://www.graintrade.org.au/sites/default/files/file/2015%20NWPGP%20Outcomes%20of%20Meeting\(1\).pdf](http://www.graintrade.org.au/sites/default/files/file/2015%20NWPGP%20Outcomes%20of%20Meeting(1).pdf)

The agreed outcomes, major discussion points and findings are listed numerically in no order of priority. There were more than 160 attendees, representing all sectors of the grain supply chain. To provide comments on this or any NWPGP related matters please email GTA at [admin@graintrade.org.au](mailto:admin@graintrade.org.au)

## 2. Post Harvest Chemical Usage, Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances 2015/16

The Australian Grain Industry Post Harvest Chemical Usage, Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances 2015/16 is also now available on the GTA website

<http://www.graintrade.org.au/sites/default/files/file/Outturn%20Tolerances%20201516%20Final.pdf>

The document outlines permitted chemicals for use post-harvest and applicable Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) for grain out-turned to the Australian domestic or export markets. The MRLs apply for grain out-turned during the 2015/16 season. Industry is encouraged to familiarise themselves with this document to ensure Australian grain continues to comply with market requirements for chemical residues.

## 3. Background & Amendments

The Chemical Usage Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances document should be referred to when marketing Australian grain to assist industry in adhering to the Maximum Residual Limits (MRLs).

The Australian Grain Industry Post Harvest Chemical Usage Recommendations and Outturn Tolerances document is referred to in a number of GTA publications. Members are advised this is the latest version and supersedes all prior versions.

The following changes have been made based on the outcome of discussions held at the 2015 NWPGP Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference held in Melbourne 16-17 June 2015. The changes include:

- a) Definition added for Bulk Handling Authorities in relation to the reference on various chemical labels when used in Western Australia
- b) Reference added to the Deferral Policy as implemented by various countries, including providing a reference to the NRS website to obtain the deferral policy for various countries
- c) Updated the MRL's for South Korea, Taiwan for various cereal commodities, including clarifying the deferral policy and crop grouping reference and altering the reference to the Positive List System review being undertaken by South Korea
- d) Listed MRL's for Indonesia for various Commodities
- e) Updated the list of approved Structural Treatments

#### **4. 2016 NWPGP Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference**

The date and venue for the 2016 Conference has been confirmed. The *2016 NWPGP Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference* will be held **14-15 June 2016** and will be returning to **Rydges Melbourne**.

More information will be circulated early in the New Year. If you have an urgent enquiry, please contact the GTA Office via [admin@graintrade.or.ag](mailto:admin@graintrade.or.ag)

#### **5. NWPGP Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)**

With the retirement of Bill Murray as announced at the 2015 Conference, Adrian Reginato from Cargill Australia has joined the NWPGP Stakeholder Working Group (SWG). The full list of SWG Members can be viewed on the website <http://www.graintrade.org.au/nwpgp>

#### **6. Bill Murray received the GRDC Seed of Gold Award**

Upon his retirement at the 2016 Conference, Bill Murray was presented to the GRDC Seed of Gold Award.

GRDC's most prestigious award, the Seed of Gold, is a rarely bestowed honour. Bill Murray is only the third person to receive one and it was given in recognition of his lifetime of service to the grains industry.

An excellent short video about Bill, his career and contributions can be seen via <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHIyyESKY4&feature=youtu.be>