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National Grower Register Engaged to Streamline

Collection of EPR Harvest Declaration Forms

The National Grower Register (NGR) has been contracted by eight of the major End Point Royalty (EPR) managers and plant breeding companies to report production information from growers through a single, combined Harvest Declaration Form.

Previously growers may have received Harvest Declaration Forms from any or all of these organisations in varying formats.

But as part of an ongoing, industry-wide initiative to improve the efficiency of the End Point Royalty reporting process, NGR is now collecting the combined EPR Harvest Declaration Forms for the 2010/11 season.

The aim of the combined form is to streamline the collection of EPRs and reporting, allowing growers to participate in a quicker, easier and more secure production reporting process.

NGR Business Development Manager Debbie Newmarch said the initiative was intended to assist growers by simplifying the reporting process by combining a possible eight forms into one, thereby delivering greater efficiency to the grains industry as a whole.

“The Harvest Declaration Forms sent to grain growers in early April were pre-populated with secure information provided to NGR by the royalty managers/plant breeding companies,” Ms Newmarch said.

“These forms collect information by variety about volumes of grain produced, volumes sold into the grain trader or end users (e.g. millers), grain used on farm as stock feed, grain stored on farm or in warehousing for later sale, and grain retained for use as seed in the following year.

“It is important for growers to return the Harvest Declaration Form, even if they have delivered their grain to CBH as not all grain buyers/traders that buy grain through the CBH handling and storage system are able to automatically deduct EPRs from grower’s payments.”

Ms Newmarch said it was vital for the Australian grains industry that EPRs were collected and reported accurately.

“EPRs are the major source of revenue for plant breeding programs to continue delivering improved varieties,” she said.

“This revenue stream ultimately supports growers and the industry as a whole, increasing productivity and hence profitability through the release of improved varieties offering advancements in yield, quality, disease resistance and herbicide tolerance.

Ms Newmarch also said there had been some concerns raised amongst Western Australian growers as to why they have received an NGR number with the form.

“Grain growers who were not registered with NGR were provided with a ‘NGR identification number’, for the purposes of this year’s declaration,” she said.

“If WA producers wish to trade their grain with buyers other than CBH, the NGR identification number can be converted to a full registration by contacting NGR.

“Growers who deliver to CBH should continue to use their CBH registration cards at delivery and not their NGR identification number.”

It is important to note that the grain buyer deducts the royalties, not the bulk handler, and the NGR number assists in reporting the grain sale transactions.

Growers who have any concerns or questions about the lodgement of their Harvest Declaration Form are encouraged to call the NGR Contact Centre on free-call 1800 556 630.

Harvest Declaration Forms can be lodged three ways:

- in the reply paid envelope provided with the Harvest Declaration Form;
- by faxing the two inside pages of the Harvest Declaration Form to NGR on free-call 1800 001 675; or
- scan and email both sides of the Harvest Declaration Form to admin@ngr.com.au.

More information on the Harvest Declaration Form and the EPR system is available by contacting NGR on 1800 556 630 (between 8am and 6pm eastern standard time) or by visiting www.varietycentral.com.au. Growers can also contact the Individual Royalty Managers with any concerns they may have.

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