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Simplified harvest declaration process on the way

Growers will no longer need to report sales data for this season's crop when submitting their Harvest Declaration with the National Grower Register (NGR).

Australian Crop Breeders is announcing this change, which will come into effect at the start of February 2026, so growers are aware as they are currently harvesting and compiling their records.

CEO Dr Narelle Moore says the simplified process is in response to grower and industry feedback that parts of the current system are too onerous.

"We know from grower feedback that the level of information needed to accurately complete their Harvest Declaration has been onerous in some areas.

"While we are aiming for further substantive improvements to the EPR system, such as greater uptake of auto-deduction at the point of sale, as well as potential changes to the PBR Act itself, these are slower processes.

"In the meantime, as an industry, we've focussed on gathering only the essential information from growers to understand their production and confirm their harvest each season.

"It's a clear step in the right direction for making the EPR process more straightforward."

From 1 February 2026, growers will only need to provide the following data for their Harvest Declaration with NGR:

- Tonnes unsold from last season by variety (2024)
- Tonnes harvested this season by variety (2025)
- If required, tonnes cut for hay or silage by variety
- Tonnes retained for seed this season by variety (planting from 2026)

The information supplied to NGR is then used by the royalty manager of the relevant crop breeding company to assist with EPR calculations.

An improved online experience will also be launched on the NGR website.

"It means less paperwork in terms of sales data, but it continues to be crucial that growers accurately record harvest tonnage by variety to help this simplified process work effectively," Dr Moore explained.

"Production data needs to be as accurate as possible, as it underpins the royalty manager's ability to reconcile a grower's account and determine the correct EPR invoicing amount."

"We are currently working closely with NGR to refine the myNGR portal and ensure a seamless experience for growers."

Further information including detailed instructions for the new process will be made available to growers in the coming months.

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About Australian Crop Breeders

Australian Crop Breeders (ACB) is the peak body representing public and private field crop breeding.

ACB provides leadership for the Australian crop breeding industry through collaboration and advocacy to ensure breeding efforts are maximised for the benefit of members and the broader agricultural community.

Members are actively involved in breeding wheat, barley, canola, oats, chickpeas, field peas, lentils and lupins.

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