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Viterra prepares for record harvest

Viterra is preparing to handle this year's predicted record South Australian crop by maximising the efficiency of its storage and handling network.

The company is investing in extra storage and has a solid shipping program to move as much grain as possible through the system.

Dean McQueen, Viterra's Executive Manager Grains, said Viterra was doing everything it could to prepare the storage and handling network for the influx of this year's crop but the sheer size of the harvest would put some unavoidable pressure on parts of the system.

"We are extending bunkers and building new bunkers at sites we've identified as being critical to the efficiency of our storage and handling network," Mr McQueen said.

"We look at the operation of the whole storage and handling network and try to ensure that overall the system can handle the crop."

Grower meetings have been held around the state to discuss sites, opening hours and segregations.

Most sites will be open six days a week for 8-14 hours each day. A full list of sites and their hours is available on the ezigrain website, www.ezigrain.com.au.

"We've focussed on staffing and investing in sites with multiple segregations, good access to shipping and rail and able to service a large number of growers.

"We have consolidated our carry in grain into some sites to maximise the capacity of the bigger sites, while at other sites we've worked with local growers to make sure there is the capacity to receive their grain at nearby alternative sites."

While the large harvest might present some logistical challenges, Viterra will do everything it can to manage the grain efficiently and will communicate with growers about any potential issues as soon as possible.

The Service Centre will send out SMS updates about unexpected changes to site openings where possible.

"Growers should make sure they have registered with the Service Centre to receive our SMS updates."

About Viterra

Viterra provides premium quality ingredients to leading global food manufacturers. Headquartered in Canada, the global agribusiness has extensive operations in Western Canada, North America, Australia and New Zealand. Adelaide, Australia is the base for Viterra's Southeast Asian operations. Our growing international presence also extends to offices in Japan, Singapore, China, Switzerland, Italy and Ukraine. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, we operate in three distinct businesses: grain handling and marketing, agri-products, and processing. Our expertise, close relationships with producers, and superior logistical assets allow the company to consistently meet the needs of the most discerning end-use customers, helping to fulfill the nutritional needs of people around the world. TSX: VT ASX: VTA

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