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Viterra confident of classification process

Following rain across the state, Viterra has reviewed its grain receival process and confirmed it will continue classifying grain using the visual assessment in conjunction with running falling number results.

Andrew Hannon, Viterra Country Operations Manager said Viterra had consulted with SAFF and growers to determine the most appropriate approach to manage grain into the system taking into account classification requirements and turnaround times.

“The recent rain during harvest has posed challenges for growers and we know classification and turnaround times are paramount,” Mr Hannon said.

“There is a strong correlation between the visual assessment and the falling number machine results which show grain received into the system has been classified correctly.

“Our classifying process is providing accurate quality results meaning more grain can be harvested and accurately received, minimising the impact of any future rainfall events and maximising the potential for higher returns.

“We’ve consulted with a number of growers who have indicated they support this approach.”

As a result of discussions with SAFF, Viterra will provide more information at each site by displaying falling numbers and visual sprouting limits by grade.

“Our major sites around the state are equipped with falling number machines, but the time taken to individually test every load would significantly impact on the progress of harvest.

“It’s in everyone’s interest to maintain the quality of the grain and as the bulk handler we also have a responsibility to uphold the integrity of the grain in our system for all users, growers and customers,” Mr Hannon said.

Visual sprouting limits have the ability to increase quickly if falling number results are high.

Viterra will continue to work together with growers and stakeholders to manage the grain into the system.

About Viterra

Viterra Inc. provides premium quality ingredients to leading global food manufacturers. Headquartered in Canada, the global agribusiness has extensive operations across Western Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, with Adelaide, Australia as the base for Viterra’s Southeast Asian operations. Our growing international presence also extends to offices in Japan, Singapore, China, Switzerland, Italy, Ukraine and Germany. 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.

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