

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Glyphosate in the Western Australian Barley Value Chain**

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The Grain Industry Association of WA (GIWA) Inc through the GIWA Barley Council recently supported – *for feed barley only* - the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority’s emergency use permit PER82954 for two Nufarm glyphosate products (Weedmaster DST and Weedmaster Argo) to desiccate weeds in barley. The APVMA permit can be found [here](http://permits.apvma.gov.au/PER82594.PDF):  
<http://permits.apvma.gov.au/PER82594.PDF>.

While the APVMA emergency permit (current to 31 July 2019) was granted for “all barley (except malting barley)”, CBH Group have made the operational decision for this harvest that any barley (whether malt, food or feed) with late harvest glyphosate applied will automatically be graded as feed barley. GrainCorp have made a similar operational decision. CBH Group are also requiring growers to make specific chemical usage declarations, information [here](https://www.cbh.com.au/harvest-information/maximum-residue-limits):  
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This is to manage market access risk in some export markets for Australian barley which have a nil tolerance for glyphosate on barley.

Chair of the GIWA Barley Council, Lyndon Mickel, a grower from Condingup/Beaumont in the Esperance port zone said:

"Growers should utilise the crop topping of barley with glyphosate as a salvage operation only, to help control weed seed set for the following season. It shouldn't be used as a regular strategy in their barley programs as this will lead to the likelihood of an increase in glyphosate resistance.

Growers need to be mindful that there’s market sensitivity to the use of glyphosate over barley and accept the downgrade to feed, if glyphosate is used across malting varieties, this is to protect our markets.

We encourage everyone in the industry to use registered chemicals as per the label conditions ([www.apvma.gov.au](http://www.apvma.gov.au)) and to meet market MRL requirements for all chemicals (<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/food/nrs/databases>).

GIWA supports further research being conducted into the full effects of glyphosate use on all grades of barley.”

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