

USE of PESTICIDES for MINOR USES in GRAINS

To remain competitive and profitable, the grains industries need to access cost effective solutions to production issues. The management of pests, diseases and weeds is significant among these. In many cases, pest control can be achieved through the use of agricultural chemicals. However, despite these chemicals being approved for use in many crops, important pest management gaps still exist on pesticide labels and smaller acreage crops cannot access them.

Aiming to help fill these gaps, the GRDC have now funded a new initiative – ACA - Use of Pesticides for Minor Use in Grains Project. The principals of ACA, Steve Jones and Kevin Bodnaruk, have extensive experience in the regulation, research and development of agricultural chemicals. The previous JAY series of projects are now finalised. As the new team, ACA, will be build on identifying and managing access to a broader range of pest management solutions.

The new project team plan to canvass the views of manufacturers, advisors, peak bodies, regulators, growers and other co-operators to identify critical pest problems, minor use chemical needs and determine regulator requirements prior to establishing priorities for future projects.

As part of this process ACA currently want feedback from grain industry value chain participants, such as yourself, on what you see as the current critical pest management gaps and/or minor use chemical needs. Your input is therefore essential if their conclusions are to accurately reflect the views and needs of your industry.

ACA have established an interactive web site, which is now being developed to gather input data and provide feedback on all aspects of the project.

www.grdc.com.au/projects/minoruses/

Copies of the 'GRAINS MINOR USE PROJECT REQUEST FORM' can be accessed online or call ACA on the numbers below.

We welcome your participation in this process to ensure that the project team focuses on those areas of greatest need and importance. If you need clarification on any aspects of the project, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

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