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New Zealand Grain & Seed Trade Association Inc.

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AIMI Cereal Survey

AIMI

The Arable Industry Marketing Initiative (AIMI) survey results of cereal areas and volumes have just been reported.

Arable Industry Marketing Initiative

Cereals survey	Milling	Feed	Malting	Feed	Milling	Feed
	wheat	wheat	barley	barley	oats	oats
2017 harvest						
Total Ha	11,267	29,833	8,753	33,247	4,237	1,833
Total tonnes	107,231	297,969	65,609	231,991	24,220	10,763
2018 harvest						
Total Ha	9,706	33,467	9,381	48,519	2,599	866
Total tonnes	81,307	294,042	64,175	302,092	11,783	4,778
%chg in ha 2017 to 2018	-14	12	7	46	-39	-53
%chg in tonnes 2017 to 2018	-24	-1	-2	30	-51	-56
% chg yield 2017 harvest	9.5	10	7.5	7	5.7	5.9
% chg yield 2018 harvest	8.4	8.8	6.8	6.2	4.5	5.5

Arable Industry GIA

Last month an entity called the Seed Grain Readiness and Response (SGRR) was formed. The entity will enable the arable industry to have a voice with Government and participation in the New Zealand Government Industry Agreement (GIA) on Biosecurity Readiness and Response.

The industry entity will represent the Foundation for Arable Research (FAR), the Flour Millers Association, United Wheat Growers and the NZGSTA in negotiations with the Government around biosecurity. Each of the organisations listed above will have one director on the SGRR.



SGRR signatories. L to R: Evan Johnson, Thomas Chin, Garth Gillam, Alison Stewart, Karen Williams

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Blackgrass incursion 2016 season



MPI is advising that surveillance has started on the four (existing) properties of interest. Black-grass was detected on three of the properties in the past (black-grass was detected on all three 2016/17 season and on one of the properties in the 2017/18 season), and the fourth property received the seed offal for calf bedding in 2016 – no black-grass has ever been detected on this property.

As the weather improves we expect that black-grass seed heads may be visible from late November to around the end of the year, and beyond. Please be on the lookout for black-grass in the run-up to the New Year and report any detection to MPIs Pest and Disease Hotline 0800 80 99 66

New Councillors to the NZGSTA

Following the Annual General Meeting held last month the NZGSTA Executive council has refreshed its line-up. The Council comprises five General Councillors and four Section Chairs.

Charlotte Connoley (SPS) joins the Council as the new Vegetable Business Group Chair, Michael Hales (Barenbrug Agriseeds) is a new General Councillor and Mark Johnson (Hybrid Seed) switches to a General Councillor position. The rest of the Council comprises: George Gerard (PGGWS) – President, Evan Johnston (Seedforce) – Vice President, Barry McCarter (Immediate Past-President), Peter Burton (Midlands), Callum Davidson (Cropmark) and Stephen Tait (Carrfields).

Hemp seed food

Earlier this month the Government made rule changes to the Misuse of Drugs (Industrial Hemp) Regulations 2006 and the Food Regulations 2015 to allow hemp seed to be treated as just another edible seed.

According to the Government the production of hemp seed foods will stimulate regional economies, create jobs and generate \$10-20 million of export revenue within 3 to 5 years.

Arable exports

Table 7: Arable export revenue, 2014–20 (\$NZ million)

Year to 30 June	Actual					Forecast	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Vegetable seed	66	62	74	64	93	95	100
Ryegrass seed	55	49	46	46	55	50	50
Clover/legume seed	20	22	20	23	28	25	30
Other grains and seeds*	91	48	70	63	67	65	70
Total	232	181	210	197	244	235	250
YY % change	+1.2%	-21.6%	+15.6%	-6.0%	+23.6%	-3.6%	+6.4%

Source: StatsNZ and MPI.
* Other arable products include: maize, other grains, and oilseeds.



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In MPIs latest Situation and Outlook report it is forecast that arable export revenue to June 2019 to be worth \$235million, rising to \$250million in 2020.

The top two categories by share of total earnings are Vegetable seed exports accounting for 40% and “ryegrass and clover seeds” with a 32% share.

CPTPP in effect

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) will come into effect on 30 December.

This is of great importance for the seed trade as the NZ Government has a very clear obligation to replace the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987 and bring it into alignment with the global convention known as UPOV91 by 2021. Amongst a range of UPOV91 requirements, the right for farmers to save their own seed will be enshrined in legislation and breeders will get strengthened protections for each new plant variety released to the market.

Plant Variety Rights Act consultation



Submissions on MBIEs Issues Paper on the review of the Plant Variety Rights Act closes on 21 December 2018.

Early in the New Year officials will analyse the public comments and develop an Options Paper which will contain possible options to address issues identified through the Issues paper consultation process. This is expected to be available by the middle of 2019.

Neonicotinoid pesticides consultation



Submissions responding to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPAs) review of Neonicotinoid pesticides: clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam closes on 30 December 2018.



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The Association's submission argues that neonics are safe when used responsibly and in accordance with label instructions. And neonicotinoids pose minimum threat to bee health compared to other factors such as lack of food, diseases and cold weather.

The Association also argues that if neonicotinoids were to be withdrawn this would cause significant issues for the seed industry, farmers and the wider NZ economy. They would likely see reduced production and yields from their crops, cause the spraying of more agri chemicals and face increase costs. Moreover, there are currently no ready and more effective alternatives and safe treatments for controlling various pests at the seedling stage or their establishment phase.

CPT Field Tour 12 December 2018

The annual Cereal Performance Trials field tour will be held on 12 December 2018.

It's an event where everyone with an interest in the grain industry – plant breeders, researchers/scientists, suppliers, consultants, producers, traders and buyers – come together for half a day to review local trials for yield, quality and disease and to hear from a variety of knowledgeable and dynamic speakers. A lunch will be sponsored by the NZ Plant Breeding and Research Association.

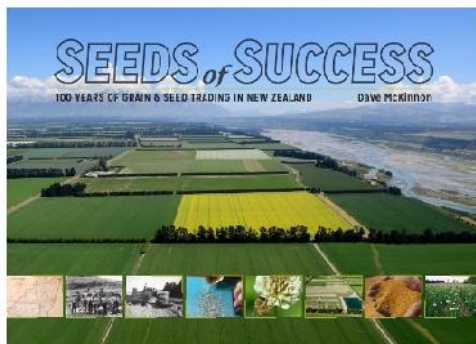
To reserve your place please contact [FAR](#) or Ph (03) 345 5783 by 5 pm Monday 11th Dec.

Conference 2019 – Rotorua – Novotel – Save the Date



The 2019 NZGSTA Annual conference will be held at the Novotel Hotel in Rotorua from 23 to 24 October 2019, with a field trip Friday 25th optional.

The Annual Conference Committee is putting together a programme full of speakers, information, business, and business group meetings. We will also have our ever popular field trips to two exciting and innovative business enterprises. More details in our January 2019 newsletter



NZGSTA Centennial book- available for order

"Seeds of success" – a history of the Association written by Dave McKinnon is available for purchase from the Association.

You can place orders on the [NZGSTA site](#) from \$39.95.

The book is ideal as a gift to domestic and overseas customers, and for anyone interested in the history of the trade.

See over for a recent review of the book.

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20 FARMERS WEEKLY – farmersweekly.co.nz – October 29, 2018

Book celebrates industry's century

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A CENTURY of seed trading was the focus for the 100th New Zealand Grain and Seed Association's conference in Christchurch.

The 180 delegates set a century record for the biggest attendance ever.

"It's been a big one," association general manager Thomas Chin said.

"We're pretty chuffed to get this support and it just reinforces after 100 years of trading the grain and seed industry remains the cornerstone for our pastoral, arable and horticultural sectors."

Chin said the importance to NZ of trading grain and seed is at the forefront of all the centenary year celebrations.

President George Gerard said the trade body started life as the NZ Grain, Seed and Produce Merchants' Federation, which was formed in 1919 to instill market discipline into merchants' trading affairs.

"A century on the essence and mission of the association remains to provide a strong and united voice on relevant issues affecting members in domestic and export markets," Gerard said.

A book titled Seeds of Success was launched at the conference.

The 236 pages track progress from the early days when so much heart and soul went into the foundations of the association through to today.

"One of best things about the centenary is the amount of fascinating historical detail that has come to light," Gerard said.

Back in the mid-60s a prime minister once said the grain and seed trade was a sunset industry.

But 40-odd years on it's far from being in decline—the seed trade is on the ascendency with NZ now a world leader in seed development and production.

"What's more, with breeders developing the best seeds and grains for our customers, NZ growers have been regularly recognised by Guinness World Records listings for achieving the highest crop yields."

Gerard said the sector is in strong heart with a bright future ahead.

"It is constantly innovating and improving to achieve the best and reinforce our sector's worldwide reputation for reliability, trustworthiness and quality."

"Celebrating 100 years in any organisation is a massive achievement and the trade is very proud," he said.

MORE:
Seeds of Success can be ordered from the Association's website nzgsta.co.nz

SEEDS OF SUCCESS: These behind the book celebrating a century of the grain and seed trade are, from left, author Dave McKinnon, editor/co-ordinator David Methuish and photographer John McCaw.



NZGSTA Golf tournament - Christchurch Rescue Helicopters and Air Rescue Challenge



We had a raffle at the NZGSTA Golf "Ambrose" Tournament this year and joined with one of our sponsors "Advantage Plastics" in donating the proceeds from the raffle and their pitching competition to the Westpac Air Rescue.

Tricia and the lads from Advantage Plastic, Bevan and Jake met with some of the staff and crew to give them around \$500 cash.

We are now taking this one step further and have entered a team into the Rescue Crew Challenge in March 2019.

Thanks to Callum Davidson, George Gerard, Steve Pugh and Mark Frampton our crew members. More details in 2019.

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Grain & Pulses Form 13th June 2019- save the date

Following on from the very successful Grains Forum in 2017 we will once again be holding a forum at Plant and Food Research in Lincoln.

We will keep you informed about speakers, but I can tell you that Mainfreight have very kindly offered to bring their BBQ Trailer to Lincoln to provide us with lunch.

Meeting with ISTA Secretary General Andreas Wais



Seed Labs had a meeting with ISTA Secretary General Andreas Wais at the Seed Industry Office to discuss getting ISTA recognition for an individual analysts competency on specific ISTA testing methodologies (in the form of a certificate).

Seed Industry Office – Holiday Dates



Will close on Friday 21st December 2018 and reopen again on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Thomas and Tricia would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you in 2019.

Meeting Schedule of NZGSTA Executive Council for 2019 to be held at the Seed Industry Office unless otherwise stated:-

- 9am, 17 Jan 2019 (in Chch)
- 9am, 21 Mar 2019 (in Chch)
- 9am, 23 May 2019 (in Chch)
- 9am, 24 Jul 2019 (in Wgtn)
- 9am, 22 Oct 2019 (in Rotorua)

Please advise Thomas Chin of any matters you wish to have discussed at a meeting.