

Circular No. 2021/01



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C2021 Harvest Arrangements

Dear Grower

Thank you for your support of the Rice industry this season. SunRice look forward to completing a successful harvest with you this year. This Circular contains the following important information on the forthcoming harvest:

- 2021 Depot Receival Plan
- Redirection Payment approach and rates
- Depot Contacts
- 2021 Crop Payment Options
- Pre-Delivery Declaration
- Food Safety Guidelines
- Harvest Equipment Cleaning Procedures
- AGS Grower/Contractor Induction for Receivals

Contact Grower Services on 1800 654 557 if any clarification is required. Alternatively you can email Grower Services at the following address growerservices@sunrice.com.au or send a message through the Grower Portal.

1. Grain Quality is Paramount

Growers are once again asked to pay particular attention to factors that can impact the quality of the paddy they deliver. In the lead up to harvest, please ensure your crop/s are not drained prematurely and that your harvest operations take place in the right moisture level range. Please contact Grower Services Field Officers Mark Groat (0419 174 772) or Anna Jewell (0409 567 429) or your agronomist to assist in draining decisions.

It is important that growers aim to deliver the majority of their paddy within the ideal moisture range of 18-22% to maximise grain quality. In order to assist growers in this process AGS will be flexible with the harvest receival ranges, where it will not pose any risk to the drying of the paddy. We ask that growers do the following prior to harvest:

- Speak with your depot supervisor at least 1 week prior to your commencement of harvest, their contact details can be found on Page 2 and also at www.harvestinformation.sunrice.com.au
- Arrange to have a moisture test at the receival depot when you believe the paddy may be close to 24%

AGS ask that growers please complete a moisture test prior to commencing harvesting on crops that you believe may be at high moistures. AGS will provide moisture testing at all nominated receival depots.

For SEED deliveries your moisture will remain unchanged at the 20% moisture maximum. This is necessary to ensure we manage the seed effectively.

2. Receival Depot Safety - Zero Harm

SunRice and AGS take Safety, Health & Environment issues very seriously. We have a responsibility to all people on our sites - employees and visitors. **This harvest, all growers/contractors delivering paddy are required to read and sign an induction document that sets out the conditions to be followed at all AGS depots.** The document titled *AGS Grower/Contractor Induction for Receivals* is included with this Circular. The document will be provided at receival

for signing - each truck driver will have to sign the document once only. While all conditions have to be followed, please note that:

- **Fully enclosed footwear must be worn** at all receival depots and mill sites
- **High visibility vests must be worn** at all depots and mill sites. Vests will be available (on loan) at all depots but you are encouraged to wear your own vest
- **Growers/contractors are not permitted to work at heights at AGS depots** - this includes but is not limited to climbing on the back of trucks to remove or replace tarps

3. Receiving the 2021 Crop

(a) Depot Receival Plan

(P = PADDY, S = SEED)

Depot	Sherpa	Reiziq	Viand	V071	Doongara	Topaz	Langi	Illabong	Koshi	Opus
Gogeldrie		P	P		P	P	P			
Murrami		P	P							
Whitton		S	S	S	S	S	S			
Benerembah		P	P							
Willbriggie		P	P							
Yenda		P	P							
Hay	Closed									
Walsh	Closed									
Emery		P	P							
Hogan	Closed									
Finley	P	P	P							
Blighty	Closed									
Deniliquin	P	P&S	P&S	S					P&S	S
Caldwell	Closed									
Burraboi	P	P	P							
Moulamein		P	P							

(b) Redirection Payment

Redirection payment is generally only available when a depot nominated as ‘open’ in the Seed Circular has been closed. It may also be offered in targeted areas to address the capacity issues at some depots. Please note redirection payment is available on nominated routes only. The use of redirection payment is at AGS discretion and may commence and cease at any time during harvest. There will be no redirection payment for Hay growers to deliver to Deniliquin.

Redirection payment is paid at the rate of \$7.89/t for the first 10 kilometres of the qualifying distance plus \$0.11/t for the remainder of the qualifying distance. The qualifying distance is the distance from the farm front gate to receival depot *less* the distance from the farm front gate to nearest depot.

(c) Depot Operating Hours

Depot opening time is normally 8.00am. Closing time will be flexible depending on weather conditions and demand. Total operating hours have to accommodate the AGS fatigue management plan so there may be times when depot hours have to be adjusted. All depots will be closed on Good Friday 2 April and may be closed on Anzac Day (Anzac Day operations will depend on weather conditions prior to 25 April - arrangements will be advised). **To ensure receival proceeds smoothly, please keep in close contact with staff at the depot you are delivering to,** to confirm opening hours during harvest. The Harvest App will also advise depot operating hours.

(d) The SunRice/AGS Harvest App

The Harvest App will again be an important communication tool during harvest and will be updated regularly. The App will again show the approximate number of trucks in the queue at all depots. The app provides the following information:

- varieties being received at the various AGS depots
- number of trucks in the queue
- moisture limits and any changes in place at the time
- details of any breakdowns or other factors impacting service at depots
- operating hours and depot contact details

If you do not have the app on your mobile phone, other mobile device or your home computer, you can access it by going to <http://harvestinformation.sunrice.com.au/> using your phone or device's browser and bookmarking the site for easy subsequent access.

The app also provides access to "Harvest Newsletters", "Links" and provides a "Contact Us" function to send an email to Grower Services.

(e) Depot Contacts

Site	Contact Person	Phone	Mobile	Email
Southern Coordinator	Tony Connor	03 58810240	0419 429 496	aconnor@sunrice.com.au
AGS Deniliquin	Rohan Caniglia	03 58812499	0408 068 482	rcaniglia@sunrice.com.au
AGS Burraboi	Mark Druitt	03 58872202	0487 800 487	mdruitt@sunrice.com.au
AGS Moulamein	Bill Wilson	03 58875220	0429 875 220	wwilson@sunrice.com.au
AGS Finley	Richard Fox	03 58831760	0428 831 544	rfox@sunrice.com.au
Northern Coordinator	Keith Cox	02 69624843	0409 897 254	kcox@sunrice.com.au
AGS Emery	Stewart Scott	02 69546732	0473 780 267	sscott@sunrice.com.au
AGS Benerembah	Phil Cottom	02 69634224	0417 416 141	pcottom@sunrice.com.au
AGS Yenda	Michael McDermott	02 69681071	0427 293 560	mmcdermott@sunrice.com.au
AGS Willbriggie	Nathan Jones	02 69685263	0427334 010	njones@sunrice.com.au
AGS Gogeldrie	Cosimo Salerno	02 69559220	0417746 914	csalerno@sunrice.com.au
AGS Murrumbidgee	Greg Bradshaw	02 69552218	0427 093 589	gbradshaw@sunrice.com.au
AGS Whitton	Graham Smith	02 69552727	0428 264 318	gsmith@sunrice.com.au

(f) Review of delivery dockets

It is the growers' responsibility (or their driver) to thoroughly check the information on each Rice Receiving Docket prior to signing it at the Weighbridge. For growers utilising multiple drivers/contractors, you are encouraged to check your dockets nightly and advise Grower Services of any change immediately.

4. Grain Harvest Management Scheme

SunRice/AGS will again be receiving grain under the NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS). Documentation about the GHMS, including the concessional mass limits, is available on the Grower Services web site and at the RMS web site <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/grain-transport.html>.

Please note:

- To participate in the GHMS, heavy vehicles must carry a copy of the **NSW Class 3 Grain Harvest Management Scheme Mass Exemption (Notice) 2016** in the vehicle and comply with the mass limits and operating conditions. A copy of the document can be found at <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/grain-harvest-mass-exemption-notice-2016.pdf> please ensure a copy is carried in trucks operated by you/your contractors during the harvest period. The document contains details about the concessional mass limits and other important information.
- The following Local Government Areas (LGA's) in the rice growing region have signed on to the GHMS: Carrathool, Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, Murrumbidgee, Hay, Murray River, Berrigan, Federation, Edward River. Some of these LGA's have placed specific conditions on their participation and growers should visit <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/maps/grain-harvest/map/index.html> to familiarise themselves with these conditions.

- **The portion of a paddy delivery to an AGS depot that exceeds the GHMS concessional mass limit will be skimmed** and growers will not receive payment for that portion of the load. The finished product equivalent of the **skimmed grain will be donated to Foodbank Australia.**

5. Quality Specifications & Discounts

Please review the 2020/21 Paddy Quality Specifications and Discounts prior to harvest. The specifications were provided at the following link prior to sowing the 2020/21 crop

https://www.sunrice.com.au/media/documents/2020_21_Quality_Specifications_and_Discounts.pdf

The current quality appraisal system provides additional incentive to produce paddy with the highest possible whole grain yield (wgy). As with prior harvests, growers have the option of delivering their crop in different lots. Please advise the tester of which lot number each load is to be delivered against

Please remember that Rice products are gluten free and contamination with wheat and other crops that contain gluten represent a significant risk to SunRice. Any loads containing any other grains may be rejected.

6. Authorised Buyer Undertaking

The Rice Marketing Board for the State of NSW appointed SunRice as an Authorised Buyer (Licence Number 2008/0005) under Section 51 (1) of the Rice Marketing Act 1983. Growers should note that the *“Fixed Price Rice Purchase Contract Offer and Confirmation”* is a contract between the grower and SunRice. The Rice Marketing Board for the State of NSW does not accept any responsibility for the contractual arrangements between SunRice and the grower.

(a) Delivery Arrangements

Delivery arrangements for C2021 rice to be sold to SunRice are set out in Circular 2021/01 (this Circular).

(b) Payment Arrangements

SunRice will pay for rice of merchantable quality that is delivered to its receival depots nominated in Circular 2021/01 (this Circular). The price paid will be as set out in the *“Rice Seed Order Form & Paddy Supply Offer for the 2021 Crop”* and *“Fixed Price Rice Purchase Contract Offer and Confirmation”*.

7. Farm Delivery Cards

Farm Delivery Cards are issued to growers after their Pre-Delivery Declaration is completed. The Declaration can be completed on the Grower Portal or alternatively complete the enclosed form and return to Grower Services via email to growerservices@sunrice.com.au or by fax 02 6953 7208. Additional Delivery Cards can be printed from the grower portal.

If you require further information about any of the matters in this Circular, please contact Grower Services on 1800 654 557. Grower Services wishes you all the very best for the forthcoming harvest and we are here to help you in any way we can.



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