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## C2022 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 important information on the forthcoming harvest. Please 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](mailto:growerservices@sunrice.com.au) or send a message through the Grower Portal.

### 1. 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](mailto:growerservices@sunrice.com.au) or by fax 02 6953 7208. Additional Delivery Cards can be printed from the grower portal.

### 2. Helpful Online Resources

(a) **The SunRice/AGS Harvest App:** <http://harvestinformation.sunrice.com.au/>

Access the Harvest App on your mobile phone where you can bookmark the site for easy subsequent access.

The Harvest App is an important communication tool during harvest and will be updated regularly. 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

(b) **The SunRice Grower Portal:** <https://growers.sunrice.com.au>

The Grower Portal provides access to all forms contained in this Circular:

- Pre-Delivery Declaration
- Print a Delivery Card
- Payment Options

Other useful functionality:

- Harvest Alerts: Opt in to receive delivery details for each load direct to your mobile phone via SMS
- My Harvest Dashboard: review all deliveries for each farm for this and previous crops

If you need help logging in to the Portal please contact Grower Services.

### 3. Grain Quality is Paramount

Growers are 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 inspect your crops regularly, keep in contact with your agronomist

and, if required, Field Extension Officers Mark Groat (0419 174 772), Annie Arnold (0419 110 938) or Troy Mauger (0417 375 168) are available to assist in draining decisions.

It is important that growers 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 where possible with the harvest receival ranges, where it will not pose significant risk to 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 4 and also at [www.harvestinformation.sunrice.com.au](http://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 harvest 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 maximise the quality and viability of the pure seed program.**

#### **4. 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
- **When emptying a truck it must be tipped in a manner that limits the risk of uneven flow** which could lead to an unstable load, the risk of this occurring increases with high moisture and high trash levels or in bins/trailers that are rusty and rarely used, this can be exacerbated in combination trailers.

#### **5. Chain of Responsibility (CoR)**

All parties in a heavy vehicle supply chain are subject to legal obligations and responsibilities under Heavy Vehicle National Law. SunRice and AGS are committed to ensuring we comply with all CoR obligations and responsibilities.

We also understand that it can be difficult to find information that clearly outlines the CoR obligations for primary producers, and the steps required to ensure you operate in a compliant manner with Heavy Vehicle National Law. To assist, we have placed a range of CoR information directly relevant to primary producers on the SunRice website at <https://www.sunrice.com.au/grower-services/documents-for-rice-growers/>.

This information includes:

- Links to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's Chain of Responsibility page
- A link to a CoR self-assessment
- A range of information related to the different CoR obligations
- Tools that you can use to assist in meeting your CoR responsibilities
- The NHVRs helpline number which can be used for other enquiries
- The link to email the NHVR for assistance on CoR matters

## 6. Receiving the 2022 Crop

### (a) Depot Receiving Plan

(P = PADDY, S = SEED)

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

### (b) Redirection Payment

Redirection payment is paid at the rate of \$8.08/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.

In the recent harvest summary letter emailed to growers on the 22nd February there was an error in the example provided. To clarify, the redirection payment would operate as follows:

If you are 10km from your closest depot and you are traveling to another depot located 70km from your farm the calculation would be as follows:

Qualifying distance (70-10km)	= 60km
Flagfall (payment for first 10km)	= \$8.08 per tonne
Additional kms (\$0.11 per tonne x remainder of qualifying distance 50km)	= \$5.50 per tonne
<b>Total redirection payment</b>	<b>= \$13.58 per tonne</b>

Redirection payments will be made available to the following routes to address the capacity issues at some depots:

#### Southern routes:

- All growers of Opus paddy qualify for redirection payments to Deniliquin
- Nominated Burraboi Sherpa growers qualify for redirection payments to Deniliquin
- Nominated Moulamein Medium Grain growers qualify for redirection to Deniliquin

#### Northern routes:

- All growers of Doongara paddy qualify for redirection payments to Gogeldrie
- Growers in the Benerembah depot area qualify for redirection payment to Walsh or Emery
- Growers in the Yenda depot area qualify for redirection payment to Walsh or Emery
- Growers in the Willbriggie depot area qualify for redirection payment to Walsh or Emery
- All Gogeldrie, Whitton and Murrami growers may qualify for redirection payment to Walsh or Emery in the event their local depot is full or closed for a specific period

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. Please contact Grower Services for a Harvest Redirection Claim form. There will be no redirection payment for Hay growers to deliver to Deniliquin.

### (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 SunRice group fatigue management guidelines so there may be times when depot hours have to be adjusted. **To ensure receipt 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) Depot Contacts

Site	Contact Person	Phone	Mobile	Email
Southern Coordinator	Tony Connor	03 58810240	0419 429 496	<a href="mailto:aconnor@sunrice.com.au">aconnor@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Deniliquin	Rohan Caniglia	03 58812499	0408 068 482	<a href="mailto:rcaniglia@sunrice.com.au">rcaniglia@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Burraboi	Mark Druitt	03 58872202	0487 800 487	<a href="mailto:mdruitt@sunrice.com.au">mdruitt@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Moulamein	Bill Wilson	03 58875220	0429 875 220	<a href="mailto:wwilson@sunrice.com.au">wwilson@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Caldwell	TBA	03 5884 2105	TBA	<a href="mailto:aconnor@sunrice.com.au">aconnor@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Finley	Richard Fox	03 58831760	0428 831 544	<a href="mailto:rfox@sunrice.com.au">rfox@sunrice.com.au</a>
Northern Coordinator	Keith Cox	02 69624843	0409 897 254	<a href="mailto:kcox@sunrice.com.au">kcox@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Emery	Stewart Scott	02 69546732	0473 780 267	<a href="mailto:sscott@sunrice.com.au">sscott@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Walsh	Bill Volleberg	02 69544258	0428 418 486	<a href="mailto:wvolleberg@sunrice.com.au">wvolleberg@sunrice.com.au</a>
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AGS Yenda	Keith Cox	02 69681071	0409 897 254	<a href="mailto:kcox@sunrice.com.au">kcox@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Willbriggie	Brian Perkins	02 69685263	0460 703 407	<a href="mailto:mbailey@sunrice.com.au">mbailey@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Gogeldrie	Cosimo Salerno	02 69559220	0417 746 914	<a href="mailto:csalerno@sunrice.com.au">csalerno@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Murrumbidgee	Jim Seymour	02 69552218	0409 360 464	<a href="mailto:jaseymour@sunrice.com.au">jaseymour@sunrice.com.au</a>
AGS Whitton	Graham Smith	02 69552727	0428 264 318	<a href="mailto:gsmith@sunrice.com.au">gsmith@sunrice.com.au</a>

### (e) Review of delivery dockets

**It is the growers' responsibility (or their driver) to thoroughly check the information on each Rice Receipt 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 changes required immediately. Please see Point 2 above for details on accessing Harvest Alerts.

## 7. 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 [CoR---NSW-Class-3-Grain-Harvest-Management-Scheme-Exemption-Notice-2021-No.2-C2021G00446.pdf \(sunrice.com.au\)](http://www.sunrice.com.au/CoR---NSW-Class-3-Grain-Harvest-Management-Scheme-Exemption-Notice-2021-No.2-C2021G00446.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.**

## 8. Quality Specifications & Discounts

Please review the 2021/22 Paddy Quality Specifications and Discounts prior to harvest. The specifications were provided at the following link prior to sowing the 2021/22 crop

[https://www.sunrice.com.au/media/documents/2021\\_22\\_Quality\\_Specifications\\_and\\_Discounts.pdf](https://www.sunrice.com.au/media/documents/2021_22_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 along with the paddock the load has been harvested from.

**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.**

## 9. 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 C2022 rice to be sold to SunRice are set out in Circular 2022/01 (this Circular).

### (b) Payment Arrangements

SunRice will pay for rice of merchantable quality that is delivered to its receival depots nominated in Circular 2022/01 (this Circular). The price paid will be as set out in the *“Rice Seed Order Form & Paddy Supply Offer for the 2022 Crop”* and *“Fixed Price Rice Purchase Contract Offer and Confirmation”*.

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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