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CropLife has welcomed the extension of the Improved Access to Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals program as outlined in the 2021-22 Budget. The program has been extended for four years at \$9 million after already delivering 192 grants totalling \$11.86 million.

The program was originally established after CropLife secured an election commitment from the Coalition in 2013 to fund a minor use and speciality crops program. CropLife has been strongly advocating for the extension of funding for this crucial program which has resulted in 41 new permit uses and eight new label uses for minor uses of agvet chemicals.

Other budget highlights include:

- \$96.9 million over four years from 2021-22 to manage the biosecurity risk posed by hitchhiker pests arriving in imported cargo
- \$34.6 million over four years from 2021-22 to enable regional pest and disease intelligence and analytics to better understand how pests and diseases could enter Australia, to improve field tools and diagnostic capabilities, and collaborate more closely with our near neighbours
- \$29.1 million over four years from 2021-22 for reduction and prevention activities to reduce the economic and environmental burden of established feral animals, pests and weeds
- \$129.8 million to deliver a National Soils Strategy
- \$29.8 million to grow the agricultural workforce

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[Minister Littleproud speaks to full house at CropLife's Ag Industry Federal Budget Breakfast](#)

CropLife again hosted the annual Agricultural Industry Federal Budget Breakfast at the National Press Club in Canberra. The event attracted leaders from right across the broad agricultural spectrum to network with a dozen Parliamentarians and Departmental heads, and hear from the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, the Hon David Littleproud MP.

In his remarks, CEO of CropLife Australia, Matthew Cossey, reminded the audience that never before in human history have so many people relied on so few to produce their food. He said, "Everyone who is not producing the entirety of their own food requirements, or is not a farmer themselves, does not need to be because of those who are farmers. It is the work of the agricultural sector that provides the rest of the community with the freedom that comes from not having to spend every waking moment of each day growing their own food."

Minister Littleproud outlined the budget priorities for agriculture, reinforcing his and the Federal Government's commitment to the sector's productivity, profitability and environmental sustainability.



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