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CROPLIFE AUSTRALIA'S 2017 RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

29 June 2017 (Canberra) – CropLife Australia's new and updated Resistance Management Strategies for fungicides, herbicides and insecticides are now available online. These Strategies help all crop protection product users sustainably control the pests, weeds and diseases that are a constant threat to Australia's natural environment and our nation's food, feed and fibre production.

CropLife Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Matthew Cossey, said "It is vital that farmers, environmental land managers and other agricultural chemical users adopt up-to-date best-practice advice on managing crop protection product resistance. It is also essential that those who sell these products and agronomists who advise on their use, provide specific, relevant and important resistance management information to farmers and spray contractors."

"Understanding the impact of resistance, adhering to integrated pest management strategies and carefully using crop protection products in strict accordance with registered and approved label instructions will help farmers delay, and sometimes prevent, development of resistant pests, weeds and diseases that harm farming systems and natural habitats."

"Each year CropLife updates and makes available Resistance Management Strategies developed by our scientific technical review committees in consultation with relevant national and international experts."

"CropLife Australia's Resistance Management Strategies help farmers ensure that important crop protection products remain a viable tool for them in the long-term battle against the weeds, diseases and insects that are a constant threat to Australia's crops. These Strategies have recently undergone a detailed analysis, been officially updated and are now available on CropLife's website."

"Easy access to the most up-to-date and accurate advice on how to use crop protection products responsibly and sustainably is crucial for farmers. The updated Strategies can be accessed using CropLife's easy to navigate search tools. Farmers can quickly search and locate the relevant world's best-practice strategies to provide crucial and timely advice on managing resistance," said Mr Cossey.

"Ensuring availability of best-practice resistance management advice is just another example of CropLife Australia and its members' genuine commitment to world-leading industry stewardship initiatives to ensure the ongoing sustainability of crucial crop protection products and Australia's thriving agriculture industry."

"This commitment extends to the responsible and ethical management of industry products throughout their lifecycle, which includes ensuring that agricultural chemical users have all the information they need on how to prevent pesticide resistance and use products in a way that protects themselves, their farms and the local community."

"These Strategies are part of CropLife Australia's StewardshipFirst program, which is a suite of world-leading stewardship initiatives, that aims to assist all pesticide users in maintaining world's best-practice use."

"Australian farmers continue to embrace world-class farming practices to manage resistance and get the best value for money. CropLife's easy-to-access Resistance Management Strategies equip farmers with methods to ensure they maintain the effectiveness and extend the life of crucial farming tools," Mr Cossey concluded.

The [2017 Resistance Management Strategies](http://www.croplife.org.au) are available at the CropLife Australia website www.croplife.org.au

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About CropLife Australia

CropLife Australia (CropLife) is the peak industry organisation representing the agricultural chemical and biotechnology (plant science) sector in Australia. CropLife represents the innovators, developers, manufacturers and formulators of crop protection and agricultural biotechnology products. The plant science industry provides products to protect crops against pests, weeds and diseases, as well as developing crop biotechnologies that are key to the nation's agricultural productivity, sustainability and food security. The plant science industry is worth more than \$17.6 billion a year to the Australian economy and directly employs thousands of people across the country. CropLife and its members are committed to the stewardship of their products throughout their lifecycle and to ensuring that human health, environment and trade issues associated with agricultural chemical use in Australia are responsibly and sustainably managed. Our member companies contribute millions of dollars each year to stewardship activities to ensure the safe and effective use of their products. CropLife ensures the responsible use of these products through its mandatory industry code of conduct and has set a benchmark for industry stewardship through programs such as *drumMUSTER*, ChemClear® and Agsafe Accreditation and Training. Our stewardship activities demonstrate our commitment to managing the impacts associated with container waste and unwanted chemicals.