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[APVMA Performance report: March 2021](#)

The APVMA third quarter performance statistics for January – March 2021 have been released.

Overall, 92 per cent of applications were completed on-time, a decrease from the previous quarter (96 per cent), but still up from 90 per cent one year ago. This is largely a reflection of lack of performance in permits processing, falling to 70 per cent (from 75 per cent in the previous quarter and 77 per cent one year ago).

The number of new pesticide applications completed within timeframe remains at 99 per cent, as per the previous quarter. This maintains the timeframe performance of the APVMA. We note that the APVMA started 622 new applications and finalised 727 applications for product registration, active approval and permits. This shows they continue to work well at clearing the backlog.

The timeframe performance for major assessment applications remains broadly consistent, losing one point from the last quarter (99 per cent) to be at 98 per cent. This remains a substantial increase from the previous year when major assessments were at just 88 per cent.

Important to note, there has been another decrease in product applications from the previous quarter (407 down from 477), a 22 per cent drop from the same quarter last year, where there were 522.

CropLife continues to work constructively with the Regulator, Department and Federal Government on implementing targeted reforms to see further, genuine efficiency improvements and remove unnecessary regulatory burden on the APVMA so that the regulator can further increase efficiency to exceed the minimum statutory requirements.

View the full [timeframe performance statistics online](#).

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