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## **Harvest Information Book released**

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Viterra has published its Harvest Information Book for the 2016/17 season to assist growers with their harvest preparation and deliveries.

Michael Hill, Group Operations Manager, said the book supported the extensive planning and preparations Viterra has been undertaking to ensure a smooth experience for growers this harvest.

“We began our operational planning at the end of last harvest, including preparing sites, improving efficiencies, investing in infrastructure, training staff and liaising with growers,” Michael said.

“We’re adding around 500,000 tonnes of storage this year, contributing to our total capacity of more than 10 million tonnes. We’ve also invested in elevation capacity and performed ongoing upgrades and maintenance at sites.

“The Harvest Information Book covers many topics for growers including quality and hygiene, safety, deliveries, heavy vehicle mass management, classification procedures and warehouse storage and handling service fees.

“At this time of year we remind growers to clean out their equipment and manage vehicle hygiene to minimise the risk of contaminating grain. More information is outlined in the Harvest Information Book, which will arrive in mailboxes any day now and can also be accessed online via the Viterra website.”

Michael said Viterra’s harvest recruitment campaign had been very successful but jobs were still available across much of the State.

“We need more than 1600 casual workers to fill positions during harvest and applications are still open for most regional areas. Anyone interested is encouraged to go to our website and apply.”

“There are forecasts for a large crop this year, depending on the finish to the season, and we are focused on providing growers with a high level of service and storage options to deliver their grain.”

New season grain exports are expected to start soon after harvest starts.

Michael said export capacity at Viterra’s SA ports has been successfully allocated through long term agreements for the first time this year.

“Multiple exporters are now committed to using the Viterra system for more than three million tonnes, per year, for the next three years.

“Long term agreements provide a robust marketplace for growers with multiple buyers competing for their grain. This is a great result for growers with capacity booked at all ports.”



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