

Member Update

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TOPIC: National Residue Survey – Industry Performance 2022/23

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to advise members of the outcome of the [2022/23 National Residue Survey](#).

2. Background

The National Residue Survey (NRS) is an operational unit within the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). The NRS is an essential part of Australia's pesticide and veterinary medicine residue management framework **providing verification of good agricultural practice** in support of chemical control of-use legislation and guidelines.

NRS residue monitoring programs monitor the levels of, and associated risks from, pesticides and veterinary medicine residues in Australian food products. The programs help to facilitate and encourage ongoing access to domestic and export markets.

Further information on the NRS is available in GTA's [Technical Guideline Document No. 20 – National Residue Survey Participation](#).

3. NRS Results 2022/23

The [2022/23 National Residue Survey](#) indicates a total of 7,024 grain samples were collected for analysis. The results were compared with the Australian standards and export samples were compared with the relevant international standards. In 2022/23 the **overall compliance with Australian Standards was 98.8%** as compared to 99.2% in 2021/22.

The results highlight excellent compliance with Australian standards and demonstrate the strong commitment of the grain industry to good agricultural practice. The consistently high compliance rates help maintain the reputation and integrity of Australian grain in international and domestic markets.

GTA members are reminded that as per the [Australian Grain Industry Code of Practice](#) industry **MUST participate** in the NRS program as per the export/domestic activities as outlined in the Code. It has been noted that there have been several instances where industry participation has been lacking as per the requirement of the Code.