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Companies and researchers join to keep glyphosate resistance rare

Herbicide companies and researchers have come together to promote sustainable management of agriculture's most important herbicide.

The national Glyphosate Sustainability Working Group (GSWG) has formed with the support of the CRC for Australian Weed Management (Weeds CRC) and brings together experience from Monsanto, Syngenta, Nufarm, Queensland DPI&F, Department of Agriculture WA, NSW DPI, WA Herbicide Resistance Initiative - University of WA, University of Adelaide, Charles Sturt University, AVCARE and GRDC.

Chaired by the Weeds CRC's Dr Rick Llewellyn (UWA), the Group is committed to developing positive messages for minimising glyphosate resistance.

"Glyphosate is a cornerstone herbicide in Australian farming systems and widespread resistance would be costly"

"Fortunately, glyphosate resistant weed populations remain rare, and there are ways to keep it that way" said Dr Llewellyn.

Initial communication efforts will target the cropping industry, providing information to assist primary producers in preventing glyphosate resistance.

"The GSWG is all about making a concerted effort to ensure growers and advisors are aware of not only the risks, but also the opportunities to continue to use glyphosate in a sustainable way" said Dr Llewellyn.

The Group will develop a register of glyphosate resistant weed populations in Australia. From early next year the Weeds CRC Website will host this register and other information, including answers to frequently-asked-questions about glyphosate resistance.

"Public and private research, together with field experience, has taught us a lot about glyphosate resistance in annual ryegrass over just a few years. The GSWG is bringing the experience of the companies and researchers together and communicating what's needed for the best glyphosate use decisions".

GSWG products will include a guide 'Keeping glyphosate resistance rare' that will be made available during the GRDC Grains Research Crop Update season.

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