
VEGETABLE AGRICHEMICAL PEST MANAGEMENT NEEDS AND PRIORITIES (VG16060)

THE PROBLEM

Growers of some horticultural crops suffer from a lack of legal access to crop protection products (pesticides). Often disease, pests or weeds may be a regional or an occasional issue, potentially making AgChem companies unable to bear the initial high cost of registering suitable pesticides.

THE SOLUTION

Establish direct grower interaction and ensure that the agrichemical needs of the vegetable sector are accurately recorded and understood, through the Vegetable Agrichemical Pest Management Needs and Priorities (VG16060) project, a strategic levy investment under the Hort Innovation Vegetable Fund, coordinated by AUSVEG.

INFORMATION

For more information about this project, quarterly industry updates, media releases and National Pest Survey please refer to:

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WHAT'S INVOLVED

In this three year project, the Project Coordinator, Patrick Arratia will:

- Carry out crop specific regional workshops to consult with industry,
- Establish a priorities database by crop,
- Identify industry pest priorities and categorise them regionally,
- Assist on the update of the Strategic Agrichemical Review Process documents (SARP),
- Annual development of a gap analysis that identifies the top five pest priorities, per crop, to be used at the Agchem collaborative forum.

THE AGCHEM FORUM

The Agchem forum provides a platform for information sharing and cross industry collaboration to support product registration applications that can deliver cost savings, productivity gains and improve access to agchem technologies for Australian growers.

NATIONAL PEST SURVEY – GET INVOLVED!

We take this opportunity to remind growers and agronomists to get involved and to please take the time to fill in the crop-specific surveys. This online national pest survey is an extremely important tool for this project to gather pest, disease and weed information from vegetable growers and agronomists across Australia.



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