

THE RICE MARKETING BOARD FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES



CROP AUDITING POLICY

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Background

The introduction of the Rice Marketing Amendment Act 2024 saw vesting end for Northern NSW regions on 1 September 2024. Vesting will end in the Southern NSW region on 1 July 2025. The Board is still required to ensure compliance with the Rice Marketing Act 1983 on vested rice ensuring rice harvested in the Southern Region of NSW is delivered to an Authorised Buyer pursuant to S51(1) of the Act.

The Board in discharging its obligations under the Act ~~is required to~~ audits the quantity of southern NSW grown rice to ensure that all rice has been delivered to an Authorised Buyer licensed by the Board. During the transition to the end of vesting, a Crop Audit will be performed for the last time on Southern NSW rice received during the 2025 harvest.

Policy

The Board's policy is to approve a Crop Audit Plan annually. The Plan is prepared by the Board's Secretary, and describes the methods to be used to collect and analyse data. After Board approval, the Crop Audit will be undertaken by the Secretary as close to the conclusion of harvest as possible. The results of the Crop Audit will be reported to the Board.

The Crop Audit may include the following methods to audit:

- Obtaining data on a grower's yield, and comparing it to average yields for that variety for that region for that year;
- Obtaining data on seed sales and comparing it to a grower's yield;
- Using information provided by Authorised Buyers;
- Letters sent directly to growers;
- Declarations provided by growers;
- Using digital or telemetric information; and
- Any additional data gathered by the Board that can be used in the assessment of total rice grown in NSW.

The Board will maintain the confidentiality of the information obtained during the crop audit and will adhere to the requirements of the Board's Privacy Policy and Codes of Conduct at all times. Information collected for these purposes is covered by the Board's Privacy Policy.

Further information

For further information concerning the Board's Crop Auditing Policy, please contact:

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