



ChemCert Connections



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What's making news

Drought



Drought is continuing to take a big toll on the farming sector. 93% of NSW is currently in drought. ABARE reports that overall winter crop production fell by 62% from last season, and forecasts show that summer crop production will fall by 33 per cent as dry conditions continue. Drought support measures are available – go to <http://www.affa.gov.au> for more information.

High volatile forms of 2,4-D suspended



On 3 October 2006, the APVMA announced the suspension of products containing highly volatile forms of the herbicide 2,4-D (2,4-D HVEs) from October 2006 to April 2007. For more information visit: <http://www.apvma.gov.au/media/mr0806.shtml>.

Have your say!



The Attorney-General, Philip Ruddock, and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Peter McGauran, have released a discussion paper on the development of appropriate controls for chemicals of security concern. To access the paper visit <http://www.pmc.gov.au>. You have until 1 March 2007 to submit comments.



Droplets

- ◆ ChemCert has appointed Trevor Humphery as the new P/T business / technical development officer. Contact trevor@chemcert.com.au if you need technical assistance.
- ◆ The ChemCert Professional Development Workshop for trainers is scheduled for 21 & 22 Feb in Dubbo. The program will focus on spray drift. Your invitation will be coming soon! Planning is well underway but further suggestions are welcome. Please forward ideas to trevor@chemcert.com.au.



Statistics

In 2006 ChemCert issued 4,752 certificates throughout NSW. New accreditations accounted for 60% of that figure, and the remaining 40% were reaccreditations. These figures show that the severe drought conditions are also impacting on ChemCert business.



Diary Dates

- ChemCert Professional Development Workshop- Dubbo 21st & 22nd Feb 2007
- ChemCert Board Meeting February 2007
- The Centre for Spray Technology Application Research And Training is running a series of workshops in January. For information go to: <http://www.aghort.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=53079>
- ABARE Outlook- Canberra 6th & 7th Mar 2007

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