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# GPSA calls for more boots on the ground for spray drift perfect storm

Grain Producers SA (GPSA) is actively calling for an immediate increase in resources on the ground to monitor spray drift activity as the seasonal conditions create serious challenges.

Unpredictable summer rain has prompted weed growth across grain properties in South Australia and combined with the humid and often windy weather, it has created the perfect storm for potential spray drift.

GPSA Chief Executive Officer Brad Perry said GPSA has been working with the State Government's Department of Primary Industries and Regions regarding agrichemical spray compliance and audit activities.

"Given the recent rains and the weed growth on farm, we now need an immediate response for more boots on the ground checking the rules are followed when spraying," he said.

"We want to see a crackdown on those who are doing the wrong thing, as the impact of spraying at the wrong time and in the wrong conditions can be felt much further than just the surrounding paddocks.

"Users of agrichemicals must be spraying in accordance with approved chemical label instructions and that can include recognising such things as wind speeds, inversion conditions and nozzle size and selections."

Mr Perry also reminded grain producers that they must be particularly wary of hazardous inversions, which is when cold air is trapped near the ground and spray droplets can remain suspended in the air for hours and can travel for a significant number of kilometres from the intended target.

GPSA is also today launching a new spray campaign titled 'Don't Spray Your Dollars Away' focusing on the economic losses for grain producers who don't do the right thing. This campaign will run side by side with our 'Keep Your Droplets to Yourself' Campaign – delivering many relevant facts and actions to help prevent spray drift. In the coming weeks, the two campaigns will be featured heavily through text reminders to South Australian grain producers, in newspapers, on the radio and on social media.

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