



# Come Clean Go Clean

Come Clean Go Clean is one of the simplest yet most effective strategies for minimising the spread of weeds, diseases and pests. With the increase in prevalence of glyphosate resistant weeds, the spread of mealy bug and the constant threats from disease it is important that we all pay particular attention to ensuring vehicles and equipment entering farms are thoroughly washed down prior to gaining access.

This is important at all times, as vehicles and equipment move from one field to another, one farm to another and from one region to another. It is very easy to move weed seeds, soil particles and crawlers resulting in the rapid spread of difficult-to-control pest species throughout the industry.

## Declare war on weeds

Practicing good farm hygiene will help prevent the entry and spread of diseases, weeds and pests onto your farm, and stop them impacting on your business!

## Make Come Clean Go Clean a priority

Come Clean Go Clean takes commitment, especially during busy periods such as picking. But the risks are real, so ensure that all equipment and people stop and clean down.

## Inform visitors of their responsibilities

Placing signage on your farm boundaries to inform visitors that Come Clean Go Clean is important and that they share responsibility for protecting your farm from risks is one of the key steps you can take. Signs should be placed at all external entrances, directing visitors to only enter with clean vehicles and to contact the farm office before entering.

Come Clean Go Clean requirements should be communicated with contractors and consultants well in advance.



Stop the spread of diseases!  
Including endemic diseases  
(eg. fusarium) & exotic diseases.



Stop the spread of weed seeds!  
Including new species and herbicide  
resistant plants.



Stop the spread of insect pests!  
Including endemic pests (eg. mealybugs)  
and exotic species.

### Provide washdown facilities

On-farm facilities should allow farm employees, contractors and visitors to clean their vehicle and equipment in an easy to manage area where waste water can be contained. Facilities should be readily accessible, have sealed or packed gravel surface, access to high pressure water, washdown product and power, and be away from production areas and not drain into waterways or cropping areas.

### Remember, feet go in fields too!

Avoid carrying diseases and pests via foot. If fields are wet and muddy, try and use an on-farm vehicle, wear irrigation boots, and thoroughly clean boots with a stiff brush and Castrol Farmcleanse (or equivalent). If access is dry but the fields are a little

wet, damp or sticky, the Tyvek over-shoes (booties) are a convenient option. If access is dry, spray your footwear with Farmcleanse. Remember, clean down before leaving the farm includes footwear, foot pedals and floor mats!

Clothes may also carry bugs such as mealybugs. Avoid going from heavily invested hot spots to fields without any mealybugs.

### For more information

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## The three steps: Come Clean Go Clean



### Step 1: Boot and vehicle wash down

- Park on a clean wash down pad where contaminants can be trapped.
- Apply high pressure water to all surfaces to remove all trash and mud, being sure to get into crevices where residual mud or trash might be trapped. Don't forget to clean footwear, plus the inside of the cab, vehicle foot pedals and other surfaces that have come into contact with dirty footwear.



### Step 2: Decontaminate

- Apply decontaminant (eg. 10 percent water dilution of Castrol Farmcleanse or equivalent) liberally to all surfaces especially areas that were dirty.
- Also decontaminate mats, tools and footwear.
- Leave the decontaminant to work for 10 minutes unless directed otherwise by the label.



### Step 3: Final Rinse

- Rinse decontaminant
- Clean all mud off the pad with high pressure water so it is clean for the next person and that mud and debris isn't picked up by wet tyres.
- Where equipment has not been cleaned down on-farm, thoroughly inspect to ensure cleanliness.