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Viterra invests in new equipment in preparation for harvest

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Five new front end loaders have arrived at Viterra bunker sites as part of ongoing investment into improving efficiencies within the business.

The Caterpillar front end loaders were delivered to Viterra's Roseworthy, Tailem Bend, Gladstone, Tumbly Bay and Wallaroo sites last month.

Michael Hill, Group Operations Manager, said the fleet upgrade allowed the company to meet its key performance objectives and improve efficiencies within the supply chain.

"The five new front end loaders have a bucket capacity of 8-9 tonnes, bigger than Viterra's existing fleet. If we can outturn grain faster, it frees up more storage space for grower deliveries which is critical during harvest," Michael said.

"A further nine new front end loaders with standard five tonne capacity are also scheduled to be delivered to smaller bunker sites throughout the year."

Viterra's recently-released Post Harvest Report found growers were mostly satisfied with the company's service delivery for the 2015/16 harvest, with the machinery upgrades aiming to provide ongoing improvements in the coming season.

"We appreciate the feedback received from growers throughout our post-harvest review process which allows us to further identify opportunities for improvement in future harvests.

"We continue to invest in operational equipment to improve turnaround times and reliability of machinery. We are also working closely with growers to determine segregations and our Preliminary Segregation Plan was released early to assist with that."

The Post Harvest Report showed 90% of growers thought Viterra's service delivery and operations had improved or stayed consistent from the previous harvest. Overall performance was rated 4 out of 5.

"Feedback on classification was more positive last year and we will continue to invest in training staff to ensure accuracy and consistency in classifying grain.

"As part of our ongoing program, a number of drive over hoppers and stackers are also being upgraded to help improve unloading and elevation capacity at sites."

For more information, view the Post Harvest Report at www.viterra.com.au

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