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South Australian harvest commences

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Viterra received its first load of new season grain yesterday, signalling the start of harvest in South Australia.

The first load for the 2016/17 season was a load of peas into Kyancutta on the Eyre Peninsula.

Tim Krause, General Manager Viterra Operations, said harvest has started slightly later this year compared to previous years.

“The wet spring has pushed production forecasts up but delayed harvest activity,” Tim said.

“Viterra is well-prepared for a large crop after investing in new elevation equipment and is currently building around 500,000 tonnes of extra storage across the state.

“We are well on track to employ almost 1700 extra people for the harvest period, mostly in regional areas, to ensure our customer service meets the needs of growers, exporters and domestic customers.

“The quality, food safety and reliability that is assured through the Viterra storage and handling network assists us to connect growers and customers.

“There are around 40 buyers within Viterra’s storage and handling system, competing to buy grain directly from growers. Many exporters have already booked shipping capacity from South Australia for the 2016/17 season.”

New season grain exports are expected to start soon after harvest begins, with Glencore Grain one of the largest exporters of Australian grain.

Philip Hughes, Glencore Grain’s General Manager, Trading, said Glencore Grain will continue to be a leading buyer in the Australian market.

“Glencore Grain will be a strong buyer of all commodities and offers reliable and swift payment terms to growers,” Philip said.

“With production increasing around the world for many commodities, it is important we run an efficient supply chain to ensure Australian grain and pulses are competitive in the international market.”

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