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Harvest records broken

GrainCorp announced today that its harvest receivals reached 12 million tonnes, with record or near-record receivals at 26 of its country silos across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

Nigel Lotz, General Manager of Operations for Storage and Logistics, said it had been a massive operation: "This is the biggest winter harvest since 2010/2011, where our network received 12.3 million tonnes by the same time."

"While harvest is almost complete in Queensland and New South Wales, we expect the harvest in Victoria will continue up to Australia Day.

"It's really exciting to see some areas achieve high yields after extended drought, particularly north western New South Wales and western Victoria. Grain quality has also been good, especially across canola and wheat.

"Coonamble was our largest silo with nearly 400,000 tonnes of grain received. Walgett and Thallon received nearly 300,000 tonnes. Other silos such as Barellan, Warracknabeal and Quambatook are on the way to receiving close to 200,000 tonnes.

"The planning and resources needed to scale up by over 60 per cent compared to last year posed some challenges, however we were able to take full advantage of our network.

"In recent years, our focus has been on developing larger and more efficient country silos that provide better turnaround times and more segregations for growers.

"Prior to harvest we spent \$21 million on improvements, including new stackers and upgrading existing bunkers and equipment. We also boosted employment of harvest casuals by 60 per cent to 3,000 roles compared to last year.

"I want to thank grain growers for working so closely with us, letting us know what they needed from us and how they were going. This helped us in setting opening times, segregations and resources. I also want to thank our local teams who worked tirelessly over a long harvest.

"Our attention is now turning to the export program. We have already moved over 1 million tonnes of grain from our silos to sub-terminals and ports. We have secured additional rail and road capacity to ship this grain, with the shipping stem heavily booked for the next six months," Mr Lotz said.

The below table shows the 26 country silos whose harvest receivals were broken or near broken.

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GrainCorp silos with record or near-record 2016/2017 harvest receivals

State	Site
Queensland	Talwood
Queensland	Thallon
New South Wales	Burren Junction
New South Wales	Cryon
New South Wales	Walgett
New South Wales	Coonamble
New South Wales	Gilgandra
New South Wales	Rand
New South Wales	Cunningar
New South Wales	Calleen
New South Wales	Barellan
New South Wales	Hillston
New South Wales	Merriwagga
New South Wales	Manildra
New South Wales	Euabalong West
Victoria	Charlton
Victoria	Elmore
Victoria	Murchison East
Victoria	Deniliquin
Victoria	Carwarp
Victoria	Speed
Victoria	Wycheproof
Victoria	Boort
Victoria	Quambatook
Victoria	Nhill
Victoria	Warracknabeal

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