WEEDS: Time it right!

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AFRICAN BOXTHORN

AMARANTHUS

BARLEY GRASS

BLACKBERRY

BRACKEN

CALIFORNIAN THISTLE

CAPEWEED

FAT HEN

FUMITORY

GALLERY MAXIMA (Purslane)

GORESE

HOREHOUND

HYGIEe: PREVENTING INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD

Good farm and contractor hygiene is another essential element of weed management. It includes machinery and crop production hygiene.

 Weed seeds and other plant material capable of causing new infestations can be transported in farm and contractor machinery such as trucks, tractors, motor bikes, slashers, harvesters and bulldozers. It can be mixed in mud, stuck in wheel arches and tyre tracks, radiators and air filters or debris wedged in hard to clean places. Seeds can adhere to the coats and tails of livestock or be present in purchased feed. Equipment used for spraying and spraying products can also be a source of weed seed contamination.

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WHERE TO START WITH WEED HYGIENE

A good place to start is the Tasmanian Washdown Guidelines for Weed and Disease Control developed by the Agricultural Contractors of Tasmania, Forestry Tasmania and the Department of Primary Industries and Water in 2004. It identifies standard operating procedures that contractors can use for vehicle and machinery washdown, when to use them and what equipment might be needed. Your industry body may also have guidelines in a similar format that identify your specific weed and equipment responsibilities.


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