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BUYER DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE MALTING BARLEY GROWS

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says barley growers need to be aware of their obligations when selling ISCC certified sustainable malting barley as demand increases from buyers.

VFF Grains Group President Ashley Fraser said there are a number of important requirements growers need to be aware of when selling ISCC certified sustainable malting barley.

“Farmers selling ISCC certified sustainable malting barley may be subject to external audits, conducting self-assessments and ensuring they are able to demonstrate their commitment to the standards that are in place.”

“Some requirements are quite onerous and growers are required to keep significant, detailed records. As more and more buyers ask for ISCC certified sustainable malting barley, growers need to be aware of their obligations.”

“My advice to growers is understand the requirements and if you don’t think you can meet them it’s perhaps best to seek other markets,” Mr Fraser said.

Mr Fraser said the framework for selling ISCC certified sustainable malting barley mirrors the regulations in place for selling ISCC certified sustainable canola.

“For a number of years we have had buyers purchase ISCC certified sustainable canola and growers have had to agree to be subject to audits and where necessary implement corrective action. The same obligations will apply if you are now selling ISCC certified sustainable malting barley.”

“If growers have previously grown and sold sustainable canola, you will find that your farm rather than just your canola crop is certified and your barley crops would be covered,” Mr Fraser said.

The VFF urges growers to view the Australian Oilseeds Federation [Grower Checklist](#) for further information.

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