

Auspan Assists as Farmers Struggle to Find Storage Space

A record-breaking dry spell in June and unexpected rainfall in July/August has caused farmers to scramble for adequate storage space. Farmers did not expect the sudden yield and must plan quickly to protect it.

According to an analysis from The Grains Industry Association of WA (GIWA), the areas projected to perform are expected to produce 10.7 million tonnes of grain from roughly 6.8 million hectares. These numbers remain an estimate, as additional weather issues could affect the supply as the season continues.

Newdegate farmer, Bob Iffla, said with a good finish to the season there was the potential for it to be a record-breaker.

"We didn't have a great year last year, but this year, with good July rain and more forecast in the next week or so, we're fairly confident. The potential is there for the crops to be some of the biggest we've ever grown."

The prospective success is enough to leave farmers urgent to create storage space to protect their crops. Auspan Group, formerly known as Auspex Steel, is stepping in to assist with quick and effective construction of grain storage sheds in WA.

Auspan Group is a family-owned operation based in South West WA, providing storage solutions to clients throughout WA and as far away as North Queensland. The business has grown rapidly since its inception in 2009, due to a commitment to responding to issues such as the one at hand.

"Effective grain storage is a high priority," says Steve Richardson, director of Auspan Group. "The lack of grain storage is not the only issue a grain storage shed solves, a grain storage shed can be used for Grain Storage in the harvest, Machinery Storage in the off season and Fertiliser Storage before/during seeding - by ramping up our efforts and working together we can have farmer's new storage sheds ready for this harvest."

Auspan is working diligently to supply grain storage sheds as required in all areas, recent areas include Esperance, Munglinup, Ravensthorpe, Jerramungup, Kojonup, Mount Barker & Pingelly. Although orders are coming in at a rapid rate, Auspan is 110% committed to provide local farmers with the storage space they need.

"Auspan makes it simple for farmers to build the storage space they need, we will look after the complete design and construction of the building – and hand it over ready to be filled with grain," says Richardson. "Grain storage sheds ordered within the next 2-3 weeks will be ready for this harvest."

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