



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Agsafe named to deliver agricultural plastics recycling program bagMUSTER®**

**21 February 2023 Canberra** – Leading agricultural stewardship organisation, Agsafe, has been named as the provider of new agricultural plastics recycling program, bagMUSTER®.

Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Seed Federation, Ms Katherine Delbridge, said, “Plastic packaging has an important role to play in Australian agriculture by protecting inputs like seed during transport and storage.

“Input industries therefore have an important role to play in ensuring the resulting plastic waste is recycled in an environmentally and socially responsible way.”

bagMUSTER® is led by CropLife Australia in partnership with the Australian Seed Federation.

Matthew Cossey, Chief Executive Officer of CropLife Australia, said, “Our congratulations to Agsafe, who were selected following a competitive selection process.

“As the existing service providers for CropLife’s industry stewardship programs drumMUSTER® and ChemClear®, Agsafe were clearly the front runners, able to demonstrate how their established infrastructure and community relationships could be augmented to effectively deliver bagMUSTER®.

“These programs were developed by CropLife more than 30 years ago and Agsafe has run them since that time and has developed expertise second to none in such programs.”

Ms Delbridge continued, “Our strategic partnership with CropLife to deliver bagMUSTER® is critical to supporting our members to meet their obligations in the Australian Packaging Covenant and the broader agricultural sector in its efforts to address the vitally important Recycling and Waste Reduction Act.

“Through bagMUSTER®, collected bags will be processed right here in Australia. This will support efforts to boost recycling capability and technology development in Australia.”

“Following a program pilot, bagMUSTER® will be industry-funded. Companies who import, manufacture and supply bags or import pre-packaged products will contribute on a fee-for-service basis to minimise costs on the farming sector.”

For more about bagMUSTER visit [bagmuster.org.au](http://bagmuster.org.au)

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### About Australian Seed Federation

The Australian Seed Federation (ASF) is the peak industry body for the Australian seed industry at the local, state, national and international level. The ASF also represents its members internationally, as a member of the International Seed Federation (ISF) and the Asia Pacific Seed Association (APSA).

The ASF strives to deliver *Sustainability, Leadership, Integrity and Collaboration* on key issues including climate change adaptation, world food security, technological developments, trade, and the growth in productivity of Australian and international agriculture, through the delivery and supply of new and improved commodities and services to the market.