AMA's 8-point plan for 2026-2027 Australian mungbean season

November 2026

The Australian mungbean industry is in a strong position, with robust demand continuing off the back of record production and exports. To support this market momentum, the Australian Mungbean Association (AMA) has adopted this 8-Point Action Plan for the 2026-2027 season.

By working collectively, growers, agronomists, processors and exporters can continue to deliver the highest mungbean quality, safety, and supply chain integrity to our export and domestic customers.

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1. Robust market & strong pricing outlook

The Australian mungbean industry enters the 2026–27 season in good shape. Strong global demand continues to drive premium grower pricing. Maximising returns this season will depend on all sectors maintaining high quality and compliance to meet export market requirements.

2. Consider swathing as a pre-harvest alternative

To proactively protect our valuable market access, growers are encouraged to consider the mechanical desiccation process of swathing (windrowing) as a pre-harvest and pickup alternative to chemical desiccation.

Swathing reduces chemical residue risks, shortens harvest windows, and reduces losses like pod split and shattering from adverse weather events. If considering swathing, call AMA Industry Development Agronomist Paul McIntosh on 0429 566 198.

3. Optimise chemical desiccation options

If choosing chemical desiccation, work with your agronomist to select the best herbicide option for your specific situation (e.g. Reglone (Diquat), Glyphosate or other registered herbicides such as Sharpen or Metsulfuron). Familiarise yourself with Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) export eligibility and consult your mungbean marketer or the AMA's Industry Development Agronomist if you have questions.

4. Target 100% physiological maturity over your entire paddock before chemical desiccation

Ideally growers should target full physiological maturity across their crops before a herbicide desiccation application. Physiological maturity is when seeds in the bean pod are 'separated' from the white scale lining the pod. This can be tested by slitting open pods and turning upside down. Physiologically mature seeds will fall away from the lining onto the ground. This could be several days before total black or brown pod stage is reached across the crop.

5. Ensure compliance with label directions & WHPs

When applying crop protection products, ensure you closely read and follow all application requirements and Withholding Periods (WHPs). Growers should maintain accurate records including spray diaries.

6. Complete Grower Commodity Declaration Version 10

Before grain moves off-farm, work with your agronomist to accurately complete the latest Version 10 of the AMA Grower Commodity Declaration available via the AMA website. Providing this document to your processor prior to delivery assists with processing, storage, testing, and marketing of your mungbeans.

7. Comprehensive National Residue Survey (NRS) testing

To help satisfy market access requirements, processors and exporters will undertake comprehensive testing via the Australian Government's National Residue Survey (NRS). This crucial framework helps underpin Australia's premium trade status.

8. Attend one of the upcoming AMA mungbean roadshow forums

Keep up to date by attending an AMA mungbean roadshow meeting. These sessions will be held across the main growing areas from mid-November 2026 and are free to attend for growers and their agronomists. For more information visit www.mungbean.org.au

Stay connected

The AMA will continue to provide support and information to all participants in the supply chain ahead of the next season via www.mungbean.org.au, social media and our upcoming industry roadshow meetings.

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