



COTTON ESSENTIALS GUIDE 2026-27



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Choices®

Bollgard³

Roundup
Ready FLEX[®]
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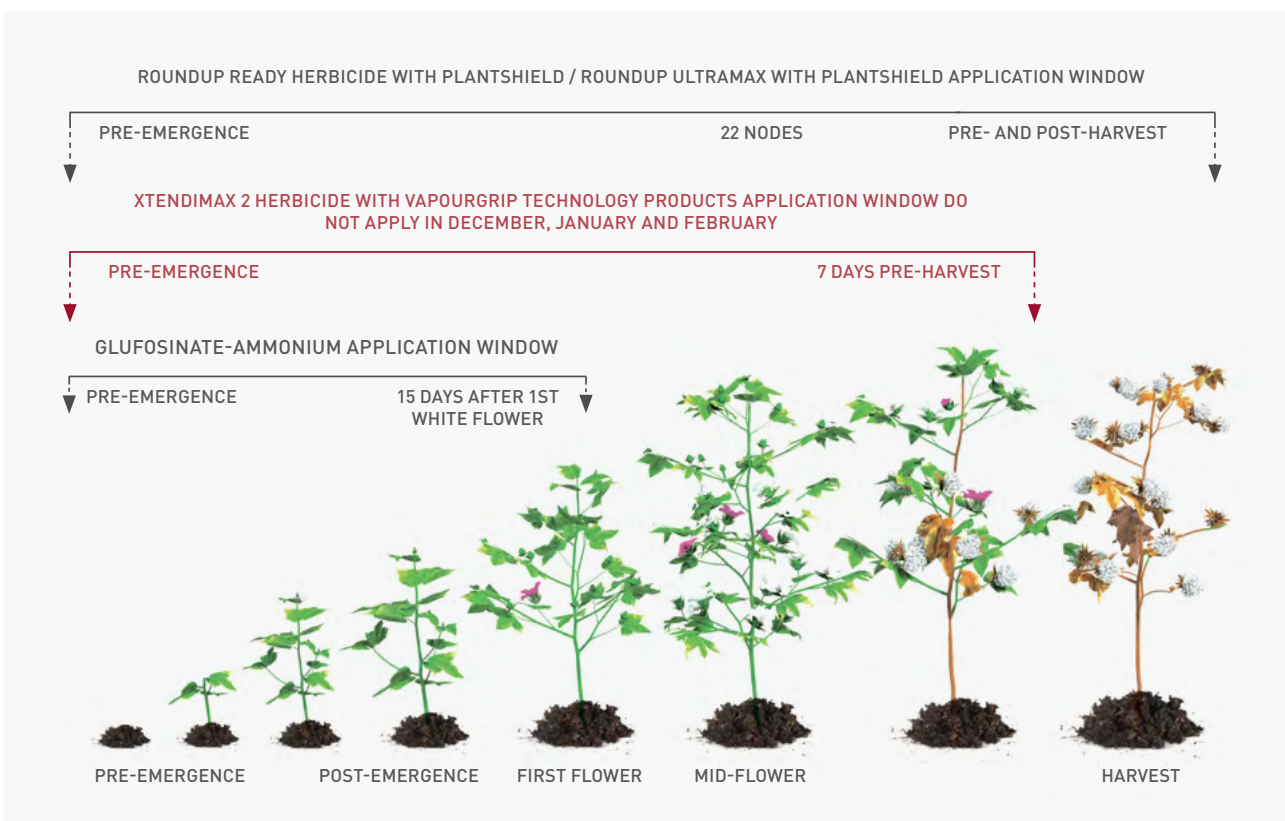
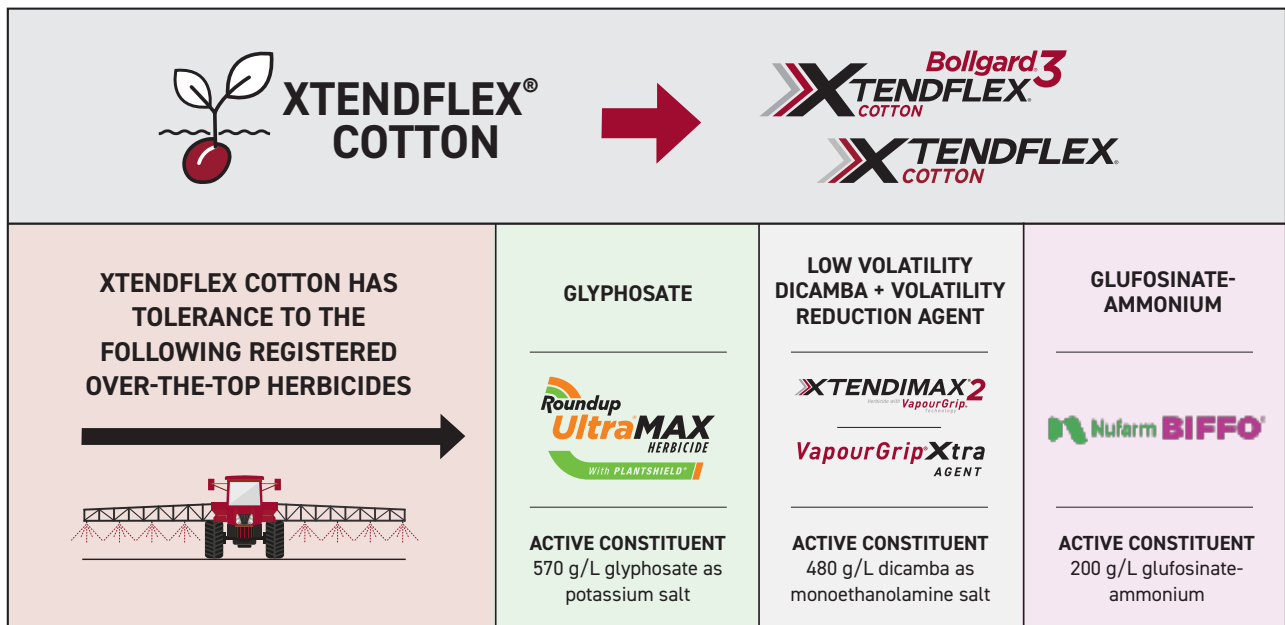
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XTENDFLEX® COTTON



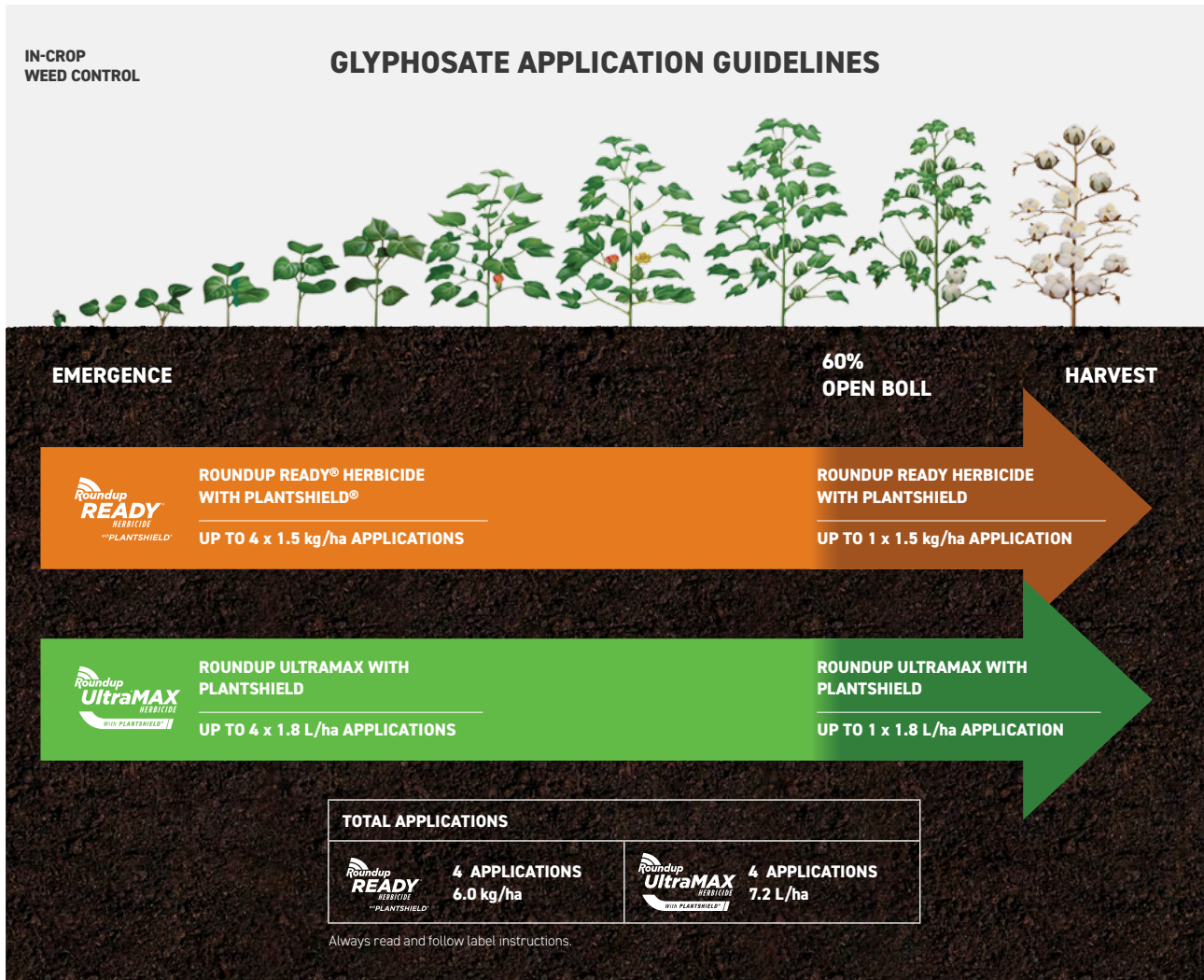
Cotton varieties containing the XtendFlex® herbicide tolerance trait (XtendFlex cotton) provide growers with greater flexibility to use additional herbicide modes of action to target glyphosate-resistant weed populations and hard-to-kill weed species. Varieties containing the XtendFlex cotton trait are tolerant to glyphosate, dicamba, and glufosinate-ammonium herbicides.



ROUNDUP READY FLEX[®] COTTON



Varieties containing the Roundup Ready Flex trait enable growers to use registered glyphosate herbicides over-the-top of the crop, promoting superior yield potential through unmatched in-crop weed control.



KEY FEATURES

Effective weed control system

A wide application window, outstanding crop safety, broad spectrum weed control and the ability to control weeds when they appear.

Flexible weed control

Roundup Ready Flex provides growers with superior in-crop weed control, enabling higher yields and cleaner fields.

The Roundup[®] advantage

Roundup Ready traits and the Roundup Herbicide range are designed to work together. The leading formulations contain PLANTSHIELD[®] technology and are the only formulations covered by the Bayer warranty.

BOLLGARD 3 COTTON



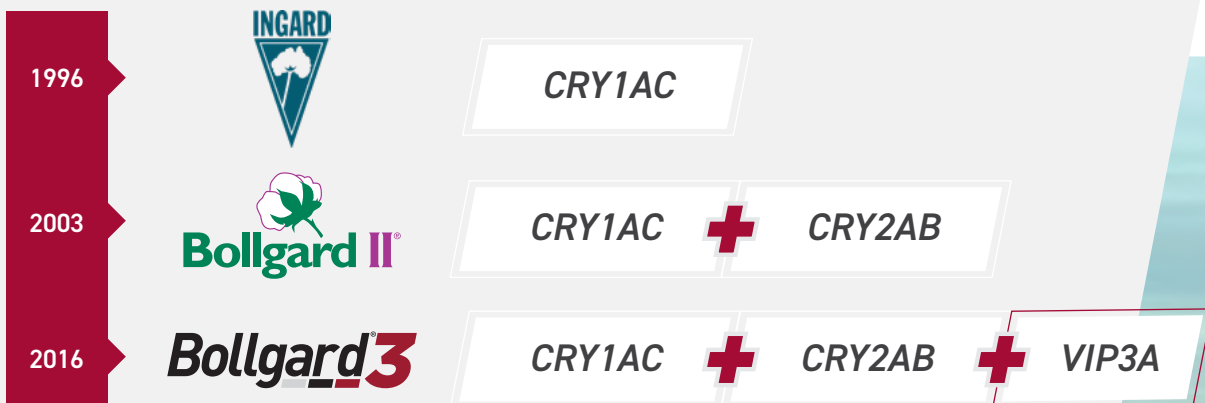
Bollgard 3 is a biotechnology trait that reduces the need to spray for *Helicoverpa* species, the main cotton pest for Australian growers.

Bollgard 3 contains three proteins, Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab and Vip3A, each 'killing' larvae in a different way.

Having three different active proteins increases the sustainability of the technology as it is difficult for *Helicoverpa* to develop resistance to more than one of the Bt proteins.

Bollgard 3 plays a critical role in protecting the technology, ensuring that it will continue to perform the way that growers need and expect for many years to come.

Please read and follow the Bollgard 3 Resistance Management Plan (RMP) when planting Bollgard 3 XtendFlex cotton or Bollgard 3 Roundup Ready Flex cotton. The Bollgard 3 RMP can be found at www.bollgard3.com.au.



ROUNDUP READY® HERBICIDES



Roundup UltraMAX with PLANTSHIELD and Roundup Ready® Herbicide with PLANTSHIELD® are specifically designed to control annual and perennial weed types before and after sowing cotton crops containing the Roundup Ready Flex trait. Proprietary surfactant and PLANTSHIELD technology provide superior weed

control to enable growers to maximise yield potential. The Roundup Ready Herbicide range of products are the only registered over-the-top glyphosate formulations that come with the Bayer crop safety warranty.

	 ROUNDUP ULTRA®MAX WITH PLANTSHIELD	 ROUNDUP READY® HERBICIDE WITH PLANTSHIELD®
Active	570 g/L glyphosate	690 g/L glyphosate
Salt	Potassium salt	Mono-ammonium salt
Formulation	Liquid	Granule
Registered rate	1.8 L/ha	1.5 kg/ha

KEY FEATURES



- Roundup Ready herbicides were developed specifically for over-the-top use in cotton and canola.
- Proprietary surfactant and PLANTSHIELD technology.
- Provides superior weed control and enable growers to maximise yield potential.
- PLANTSHIELD technology helps optimise crop safety in over-the-top situations.
- Warranted by Bayer for over-the-top use in cotton and canola.

A close-up photograph of cotton bolls on a branch, showing the white, fluffy cotton fibers and the brown, dried husks. The background is a clear blue sky.

THE COTTON CHOICES[®] PROGRAM

Cotton Choices[®] gives you the flexibility to choose how to pay your trait technology fees based on what's likely to give you the best return.

In 2026/27, the Cotton Choices[®] program continues to provide you with consistency and flexibility in how you pay for your Bayer technology fees. Key features of the program are:

- Three unique choices that allow you to opt for an upfront discount, manage risk through late crop removal and payment terms, or pay on a per-bale basis after ginning.
- Choose one of the Cotton Choices across your farm, or a different one for each field.



COTTON CHOICES GUIDE 2026/27

INCLUDES KEY INFORMATION FOR:

1. CENTRAL QUEENSLAND
2. SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES & VICTORIA




SELECT THE BEST COTTON CHOICE FOR YOUR FIELDS

COTTON CHOICES 1 – PRICE DISCOUNT

You can choose an upfront price discount on the Bayer technology fees for your selected fields or refuge crops.

The applicable payment due date for Cotton Choices 1: Price Discount and technology fees after discount are shown below.

Product	Price/Hectare (ex. GST)	Payment Due Date
Bollgard 3 [®] with Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$412	
Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$79	


Notes: Price excludes GST. Discount does not apply to Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex unsprayed cotton refuges over 5% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area or 10% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area if planted after 1 November (as per trait's RMP requirements), or sprayed Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex, as nominated in the planting audit. Late Crop Removal is not available under this offer.

The Cotton Choices calculator can help you determine the best choice for your fields. Compare the choices today at

cottonchoices.com.au

COTTON CHOICES 2 – LATE CROP REMOVAL AND EXTENDED TERMS


By selecting Late Crop Removal (LCR) and Extended Terms, your technology fee is waived if your crop is removed due to hail, drought, or other adverse conditions or events. Extended payment terms are until the end of July.

Product	Price/Hectare (ex. GST)	Payment Due Date
Bollgard 3 [®] with Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$442	
Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$83	

Notes: Price excludes GST. If for any reason your crop fails (hail, flood, sand storm, drought, herbicide drift etc) and is removed on or before **10 April 2027** for early crops or **7 May 2027** for late crops Bayer will waive 100% of the technology fee on the affected hectares. This offer does not apply to Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex unsprayed cotton refuges over 5% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area or 10% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area if planted after 1 November (as per the trait's RMP requirements), or sprayed Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex, as nominated in the planting audit.

COTTON CHOICES 3 – END POINT ROYALTY

You can choose to pay an End Point Royalty (EPR) per bale after ginning to assist in managing production and cashflow risk.

Product	Price/Bale [†] (ex. GST)	Payment Due Date
Bollgard 3 [®] with Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$55	
Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$53	

Notes: Price excludes GST. [^]Payment due date is 30 days after the end of the month of the invoice date (ie. the date on the invoice given to your TSP). [†] Standard 227 kg bale of cotton lint. This offer does not apply to Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex unsprayed cotton refuges over 5% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area or 10% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area if planted after 1 November (as per the trait's RMP requirements), or sprayed Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex, as nominated in the planting audit. Bale numbers determined via reconciliation of ginning reports received by Bayer.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND KEY DATES FOR 2026/27



MTrack opens



1st Planting Audit – Cotton Choices® to be selected

Applies to cotton planted between 1 August and 31 October 2026. Growers must nominate a Cotton Choice for each field. Planting Audit must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



Early Mid-Season Survey Due



2nd Planting Audit – Cotton Choices to be selected

Applies to cotton planted between 1 November and 31 December 2026. Growers must nominate a Cotton Choice for each field. Planting Audit must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



Late Mid-Season Survey Due



1st Planting Window - Cotton Choices 2: LCR and Cotton Choices 3: EPR Confirmation

Growers who have previously nominated Cotton Choice 2 or 3 are able to change their Cotton Choice, and must report **any crop loss**. Cotton Choice changes must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



2nd Planting Window - Cotton Choices 2: LCR and Cotton Choices 3: EPR Confirmation

Growers who have previously nominated Cotton Choice 2 or 3 are able to change their Cotton Choice, and must report **any crop loss**. Cotton Choice changes must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



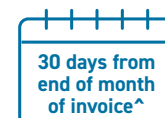
End of Season Survey Due

PAYMENT DUE DATES

**Cotton Choices 1:
Price Discount**

**Cotton Choices 2:
LCR**

**Cotton Choices 3:
EPR**



[^]Payment due date is 30 days after the end of the month of the invoice date (ie. the date on the invoice given to your TSP).

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES & VICTORIA KEY DATES FOR 2026/27



MTrack opens



1st Planting Audit – Cotton Choices® to be selected

Applies to cotton planted between 1 August and 30 November 2026. Growers must nominate a Cotton Choice for each field. Planting Audit must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



2nd Planting Audit – Cotton Choices to be selected

Applies to cotton planted between 1 December and 31 December 2026. Growers must nominate a Cotton Choice for each field. Planting Audit must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



Mid-Season Survey Due



Defoliation Deadline for Pupae Busting not to be required

Any fields defoliated by 31 March must be **reported in MTrack by 10 April**.



Cotton Choices 2: LCR and Cotton Choices 3: EPR Confirmation

Growers who have previously nominated Cotton Choice 2 or 3 are able to change their Cotton Choice, and must report **any crop loss**. Cotton Choice changes must be entered into MTrack and signed by the grower and TSP via DocuSign®.



End of Season Survey Due

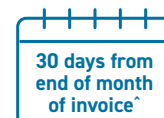
31 August 2027 for Murray, Murrumbidgee, Menindee and Lachlan Valleys.

PAYMENT DUE DATES

**Cotton Choices 1:
Price Discount**

**Cotton Choices 2:
LCR**

**Cotton Choices 3:
EPR**



*Payment due date is 30 days after the end of the month of the invoice date (ie. the date on the invoice given to your TSP).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I eligible for Cotton Choices?


The Cotton Choices program applies to:

- Cotton containing Bayer Bollgard 3 and/or Roundup Ready Flex, and/or XtendFlex technologies
- Associated Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex unsprayed refuge crops (equal to 5% of Bollgard 3 cotton crop area as per the trait's RMP requirements).

What about my refuge crops?

- You can select a Cotton Choices option for your Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex unsprayed refuge crops (equal to 5% of Bollgard 3 cotton crop area as per the trait's RMP requirements).
- Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex crops that are not planted as part of a refuge, or are over 5% of the Bollgard 3 cotton crop area, are not eligible for Cotton Choices selections; standard technology fees and payment terms apply.
- Fully sprayed Roundup Ready Flex and XtendFlex refuges are also not eligible for Cotton Choices selections; standard technology fees and payment terms apply.

What are the standard technology fees?

Product	Price/Hectare (Ex. GST)	Payment Due Date
Bollgard 3 [®] with Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$442	
Roundup Ready Flex / XtendFlex	\$83	

SIGN YOUR TECHNOLOGY USER AGREEMENT ONLINE

Your Technology Service Provider will send you your annual Technology User Agreement (TUA) and Planting Audit to sign online through DocuSign[®].

For more information visit cottonchoices.com.au

BETTER FARMING GRANTS

BAYER SUPPORTS BETTER FARMING THROUGH A GRANT FOR ACCREDITED GROWERS

In our commitment to working with farmers to reduce agriculture's impact on the environment, Bayer partners with Cotton Australia through the Better Farming grants program, which is aimed at increasing efficiency and sustainability on cotton farms.

The Better Farming grants program recognises that Australian cotton growers are continually striving to implement practices that both benefit the environment and produce the world's highest quality cotton through Australia's best management practice program, *myBMP*.

myBMP is a voluntary farm and environmental management system which provides practical tools for producing Australian cotton to the highest standard for areas including energy efficiency, water and pesticide management, biosecurity, soil health and work, health and safety. Through *myBMP*, all Australian cotton growers have access to the industry's best practice standards, which are fully supported by scientific research and development, resources and technical support.

***myBMP* Certification Grants**

Bayer will provide a grant of A\$2000 (ex. GST) to growers who conduct an on-farm audit and achieve *myBMP* certification on or before December 31, 2026 as the final step in the certification process and as confirmed by Cotton Australia. These grants will be paid as a credit off the first invoice for Bayer technology fees.

Visit the Terms and Conditions page for more information <https://www.crop.bayer.com.au/current-offers/terms-and-conditions-2026-27-season>.



GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL IWM STRATEGY TO REDUCE RESISTANCE RISKS:

- Aim to enter the Roundup Ready® or XtendFlex cropping phase of the rotation with a low weed burden.
- Integrate as many different weed control options (**chemical and cultural**) as possible through all phases of the crop rotation.
- Make every herbicide application count – use **registered rates** at the correct application **growth stage** and assess effectiveness.
- Rotate herbicides with **different modes of action** throughout the crop rotation.
- Regularly **monitor the effectiveness** of resistance management practices.
- **Test weed populations** for herbicide resistance status as part of ongoing integrated weed management (IWM).
- If planting into a paddock with suspected populations of glyphosate resistant weeds growers must have a **plan to manage such weeds**.

PICK UP ON COTTON TERMINOLOGY

When you grow Bollgard 3 cotton and Roundup Ready Flex cotton, you need to be familiar with the terminology used throughout the industry.

ACCREDITATION

Growers need to be accredited to grow cotton containing Bollgard 3 insecticide technology and/or Roundup Ready Flex herbicide tolerance technology. Bayer runs accreditation meetings throughout the year. Your Technology Service Provider (TSP) can give you more information.

BG3 (BOLLGARD 3)

Third-generation insect control trait technology that provides three different mechanisms of action to target *Helicoverpa* spp.

COTTON CHOICES®

Cotton Choices® is the name of the program that offers growers different ways to pay for their Bayer cotton traits. Cotton Choices® gives growers flexibility in managing cash flow and production risks. You can choose how and when to pay for the Bollgard 3 and Roundup Ready Flex technology present in the cotton seed chosen.

Cry1Ac

One of three protein toxins produced in Bollgard 3 cotton plants that is derived from a common soil bacterium and that is toxic to specific insects.

Cry2Ab

One of three protein toxins produced in Bollgard 3 cotton plants that is derived from a common soil bacterium and that is toxic to specific insects.

EPR (END POINT ROYALTY)

The Cotton Choices® program includes Cotton Choices® 3: End Point Royalty (EPR). You are able to make the choice to pay your cotton technology fees after your cotton is ginned, via a set EPR per bale. Check the TUA for full terms and conditions.

LCR (LATE CROP REMOVAL)

One of the Cotton Choices® is Cotton Choices® 2: Late Crop Removal (LCR) with Extended Terms. It entitles you to have the Bayer technology fee waived if your crop is removed due to hail, drought or for any other reason. Check the TUA for full terms and conditions.

RMP (RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN)

Growers of Bollgard 3 cotton are required to practice preventative resistance management as set out in the Bollgard 3 Resistance Management Plan (RMP).

Compliance with the RMP is required under the terms and conditions of the Bollgard 3 Technology User Agreement and under the conditions of registration of the Bollgard 3 insecticide technology.

RRMP (RESISTANCE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN)

A Resistance Risk Management Plan (RRMP) is part of Bayer's stewardship protocol for reporting compliance with its Bollgard 3 product registration to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). An RRMP is a mitigation plan that must be in place for every incidence of grower non-compliance with the Resistance Management Plan (RMP). Designed to protect the longevity of the technology for the entire industry, RRMPs are aimed at mitigating resistance development risk resulting from a non-compliance with the RMP.

XF (XTENDFLEX)

Cotton varieties containing the XtendFlex® herbicide tolerance trait (XtendFlex cotton) provide growers with greater flexibility to use additional herbicide modes of action to target glyphosate-resistant weed populations and hard-to-kill weed species. Varieties containing the XtendFlex cotton trait are tolerant to registered glyphosate, dicamba, and glufosinate-ammonium herbicides.

RRF (ROUNDUP READY FLEX)

Roundup Ready Flex is a biotechnology trait that confers tolerance to over-the-top applications of registered glyphosate formulations such as Roundup Ready Herbicide with PLANTSHIELD and Roundup UltraMAX with PLANTSHIELD.

TSP (TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROVIDER)

TSPs provide technology support, Technology User Agreements (TUA), Roundup Ready Herbicide with PLANTSHIELD, Roundup UltraMAX with PLANTSHIELD and cotton seed. You'll find a TSP at your local supplier of agricultural products, although not all suppliers are TSPs so check the website for a full list.

TUA (TECHNOLOGY USER AGREEMENT)

When you grow Bollgard 3 and/or Roundup Ready Flex cotton, you must have a TUA. It is an agreement you have with Bayer to authorise you to grow cotton containing their genetic technologies.

Vip3A

One of three protein toxins produced in Bollgard 3 cotton plants that is derived from a common soil bacterium and that is toxic to specific insects.



GET IN TOUCH

For more information simply scan the QR code to find your local Bayer expert.

Prior to planting, please refer to the 2026/27 Bayer Technology User Agreement Terms and Conditions for full details on the Cotton Choices program and important information about growing Bayer cotton trait technology in the 2026/27 season.

The term 'price' refers to the Bayer technology fees as defined in the Technology User Agreement General Terms and Conditions document.

Always read the label for full instructions. The information and recommendations set out in this brochure are based on tests and data believed to be reliable at the time of publication. Results may vary, as the use and application of the products is beyond our control and may be subject to climatic, geographical or biological variables, and/or developed resistance. Any product referred to in this brochure must be used strictly as directed, and in accordance with all instructions appearing on the label for that product and in other applicable reference material. So far as it is lawfully able to do so, Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage arising from failure to follow such directions and instructions.

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