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## How to bag ag's soft plastics problem

Up to 60,000 tonnes of soft plastic will be diverted from landfill each year with the launch of CropLife's bagMUSTER program. Australia's first not-for-profit, industry-led collection and recycling program for agricultural plastic bags.

Developed by CropLife Australia in partnership with the Australian Seed Federation, bagMUSTER is targeting soft plastic waste on-farm. With start-up funding from CropLife and its stewardship subsidiary Agsafe, phase one of the program was recently launched in Victoria. While the program will be rolled out nationally, CropLife is calling for funding commitments from state and federal governments to fast track the establishment of hundreds of collection points across Australia. This will provide farmers all over Australia with the option to recycle soft plastic bags used for pesticide, seed and other agricultural uses.

Support from government is needed to address the logistical challenges of servicing rural Australia and to ensure our regional communities are included in Australia's ambitions to be a circular economy by 2030. This world-leading initiative will improve on-farm sustainability and strengthen domestic manufacturing right here in Australia.

bagMUSTER is part of CropLife's StewardshipFirst® suite of industry-led product stewardship initiatives. To find a collection point visit [bagmuster.org.au](http://bagmuster.org.au)



## bagMUSTER®



Purchase products from participating brands



Return bags to a local collection point



Bags are recycled into new products on shore



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