



Harvest insider: Chris Roe

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Harvest is a great time of year. It's very busy and we take the job seriously, but we also have fun.

Viterra offers in-depth training for seasonal employees, and managers like myself are always around to support you in your role.

When I first started with Viterra, I'll admit, I couldn't tell wheat from barley. But after eight years with the business, I'm very glad that I applied for that harvest role all those years ago.

I started with Viterra in 2011/12 as a harvest worker at our Bowmans site. After harvest I was kept on as a permanent staff member, I was trained in fumigation and spent a year as an operator. Then during the 2012/13 harvest, I was in charge of the night crew laying tarps and plastic.

In June 2013 I started a role in food safety in the Adelaide office. I was in that role until 2016 when I was offered my current role of Operations Supervisor for the Roseworthy group.

My role during harvest

A lot of my time is spent on safety. I want all my staff members to be safe which becomes harder when the number of employees can more than triple during harvest. Ensuring new employees are being shown the safest way to work is my priority.

I also spend a large portion of my time focusing on segregations, which involves looking at what space is available for each grade of grain, ensuring we aren't going to run out of storage space and that we are utilising space efficiently.

I'm conscious of carriers' wait times when they are at site, trying to offer our customers an excellent, efficient service while never compromising on safety.