

## **TOUGH TIMES. STRONG SUPPORT.**

### **Partnering with Australian grain farmers through the good times and bad.**

For over 150 years, MAURI has stood side by side with Australian grain farmers. Through the good times and bad times, our fortunes have always been closely connected. Right now it's fair to say times aren't so good, with severe drought affecting large areas of agricultural land across Australia. The current Bureau of Meteorology statistics show virtually all of Australia's major cropping areas, except for Victoria, have recorded below average rainfall for the last 6 months. The hardest hit areas have been northern and western NSW, and southern Queensland, where soil moisture levels are rated as 'extremely low' with less than 60% of average rainfall in 2019, following the 2018 drought. These are some of the nation's most important wheat growing regions.

The economic and social consequences of the ongoing drought are affecting regional communities right across the country – and with Summer fast approaching, things may get worse before they get better. Understandably, this is having a very real impact on the supply and quality of the grains and meals used to produce the MAURI products you know and love. But far more importantly, it's also placing increasing pressure on the livelihoods of grain growers. In the face of considerable adversity, MAURI's commitment to Australia's resilient and hard-working growers remains as strong as ever. We're determined to support them in every way we can to ensure the long-term sustainability of their businesses and, by association, our own.

Bake better with us as we continue to work closely with our grain growers and farmers to bring you quality grains and meals.