

MAJOR SEED PROCESSOR IN TASMANIA

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Heazlewood Seeds Pty Ltd was founded in 1980 and is situated in Whitemore in northern Tasmania, Australia. The independent, family-owned business offers seed processing services to a range of seed companies and growers. From modest beginnings, Heazlewood Seeds has grown over the years and now processes in excess of 5,000 tonnes of seed annually with a strong focus on pasture seeds and vegetable seeds for both domestic and international markets. A full range of processing, drying, treating and packaging services is offered.

As one of only two main contract seed processors serving Tasmania, Heazlewood Seeds has had to expand to support the recent growth of the Tasmanian seed industry as a whole. Tasmania has similar climate and growing conditions to the Mid-Canterbury region of New Zealand. This, together with recent expansions in irrigation infrastructure and an increasing base of experienced growers, means more companies have been looking to Tasmania for high quality, reliable seed production. Heazlewood Seeds' relationship with Cimbria began in early 2006 with the purchase of their first Cimbria Delta type 106 cleaner and 184 De-Awner plus many screens.

Heazlewood Seeds now operates four processing lines. Two of the lines each feature a Cimbria Delta type 105 and are primarily set up to clean clover seed and carrot seed respectively. A

Cimbria Heid GA310 Gravity Separator has also been installed, primarily to process carrot seed. The Gravity Separator is fitted with a partial dust hood that is connected to a Cimbria Cyclofan type CF-930. The Gravity Separator and the Cimbria Cyclofan were installed in 2013.

The biggest part of Heazlewood Seeds' business is cleaning perennial and Italian forage ryegrass. Tasmania now produces most of Australia's proprietary ryegrass needs. In 2015, increased production in Tasmania led to the company's biggest single increase in cleaning capacity with the installation of two new processing lines for forage ryegrass. Each of the two lines comprises a Cimbria Delta type 106 followed by Cimbria Heid HSR-16020 R-L length separators.

2015 and 2016 saw major processing investment in new buildings and restructuring of one existing Delta 106 processing line and installation of the new Delta 106 and HSR-16020 R-L length separators. Many Cimbria "Q" pipes and two-way valves were also used for a more efficient and quicker installation process, instead of the traditional, expensive and time-consuming custom fabrication method.

"The installation and use of modern and efficient Cimbria equipment has allowed Heazlewood Seeds to meet the quality and throughput standards demanded by our clients".

Tasmanian information:

A number of specialised non-food agricultural industries have been established in Tasmania, with significant impacts on niche global markets. The state has become the world's biggest legal supplier of raw opiates for pharmaceutical use, producing more than 45 per cent of the global yield. The pyrethrum industry is also growing rapidly and supplies 60 per cent of the world's market for this natural, biodegradable insecticide. Tasmanians produce essential oils – both edible and non-edible – from a range of crops. Volatile oils are extracted from peppermint, spearmint, parsley, boronia, blackcurrant, fennel, dill, mountain pepper, lavender, clary sage and hops. Tasmania supplies 98 per cent of all green peas and 74 per cent of all green beans processed in Australia. Grain production is concentrated on barley, wheat and oats.

Tasmania is Australia's second-biggest producer of potatoes, with a harvest of more than 360,000 tonnes and an industry value of around \$128 million. Tasmania produces around one third of the Australian onion crop and is responsible for 80 per cent of Australia's overseas onion exports.



Duncan Heazlewood next to the recently installed Gravity Separator

