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# Independent classing services

## Australian Classing Services

Australian Classing Services (ACS) commenced business in 2003 and quickly became the most technologically advanced independent cotton classing facility in Australia.

ACS has an unrivalled in-house quality assurance program. This includes 'cross checking' HVI results between nine HVI Instruments, a service that no other classing room in Australia can perform. They also do 'check tests' where cotton with a known value is tested hourly to ensure the HVI machines are testing correctly. If there is a problem with an instrument, ACS employs the most qualified HVI technician in Australia.

Purpose built software, streamlined systems and barcode scanners ensure classing results are delivered in an efficient timely fashion. They also enable traceability throughout the whole process.

ACS realises trust is everything, that's why they invite their clients to watch them work. This is a novel idea and aims to build trust and educate growers on the finer details of classing to assist them in making better agronomic and ginning decisions.

The ACS facility boasts nine HVI, two Rapid Conditioners, and capacity to passively condition and test over 2.5 million samples per season. Cotton samples are conditioned and tested under precise atmospheric conditions in line with Classer's BMP, USDA and the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) standards for cotton testing. This is backed up by six USDA qualified classers.

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## ProClass Pty Ltd

At ProClass every bale is treated individually, we understand consistency of results is essential and classing without bias is critical in gaining the industry's trust and respect as a professional independent classing operation. We also encourage growers and merchants to view their cotton being tested and classed in our specially designed viewing room, where all aspects of our operation can be overseen and cotton samples can be viewed without jeopardising the independence of our operation.

ProClass has invested in the most efficient HVI classing technology, which is serviced and maintained by the industry's leading HVI technician. This, along with an expert team of USDA qualified classers with long term domestic and global experience ensures the accuracy of our results is second to none.

ProClass also believes it has the most technically advanced passive air conditioning system in the industry, essential for accurate instrument testing and results.

Not only does this benefit Australian growers and merchants, but will also meet the future needs of our mill customers that are increasingly demanding data from cotton classed using the best available technology.

ProClass has adopted and again passed all requirements of the annual CSIRO/CCAA BMP audit.

The service is open to all growers and merchants.

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