



## SILO COATING A CLEAN WINNER

Contaminated grain, which can cost affected farmers big money, has led Cyndi McGeachin, of Klen International, to look for a solution.

The result was a two-part silo cleaning system, which won two innovation awards at the Dowerin Machinery Field Days last week.

For the second year running, Cyndi McGeachin won the Countryman Farm Innovation Award for non-commercial exhibits and the Countryman WA Farm Innovation of the Year Award.

Cyndi McGeachin, of Wangara, said contaminated grain was a serious problem for farmers. She understood that several contaminated loads had been rejected by CBH last season.

The Silo Cleaning System delivers a high foaming cleaning agent, which is pH neutral to remove seed dressing contamination via a system which is applied to the interior of the silo. The foaming action hangs onto the walls of the silo and penetrates into hard to reach crevices.

After five to 10 minutes, farmers can rinse clean and allow to dry.

The second step is to apply a fine food grade coating using a unique fogging wand onto the inside of the silo to protect from any infestations during its down time.

She said it was a simple process that would take about 15 to 20 minutes.

“It's an easy answer to seed dressing, chemical and pesticide residue,” she said.

It can also be used on other farm equipment including chaser bins and field bins.

She said the system provided another alternative to phosphine for controlling weevils.

Last year, Ms McGeachin won the same awards for a cleaning kit designed to rid augers of contaminated seed and chemicals.

She is intending to nominate both systems for the World Agriculture Expo, held in Kansas, USA, early next year.