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A class action against Advanta Seeds alleges certified sorghum seed it sold was contaminated with the noxious weed shattercane.

## Advanta faces class action

HIGH profile grain seed business Advanta Seeds is being taken to court in a class action over alleged contamination of its certified sorghum seed. The class action, served on behalf of Mallonland Pty Ltd, alleges the Advanta Seeds sorghum variety MR 43 Elite was contaminated with the noxious weed shattercane.

The action will be handled

by Brisbane based legal firm Creevey Russell. Partner Dan Creevey said the lawsuit was possible because of new laws regarding class actions in Queensland.

"We want...to obtain proper compensation for everybody who purchased this seed because it has had quite devastating consequences in many cases. I've grown sorghum myself and the impact

that this weed can have on yields would be just devastating."

Managing director of Advanta Seeds (formerly Pacific Seeds) Nick Gardner said he could not comment as the matter was before the courts but would 'vigorously' defend all charges. The alleged contamination occurred between 2010 and 2014.

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