WEATHER DAMAGE

Sand blasting

**Description:** Seedling plants are bruised and leaves die. Seedling death occurs with moderate sand blasting. Damage to the leaf may also allow blackleg infection to occur more rapidly and result in worse disease pressure.

**Contributing factors:** Canola seedlings are very soft and bruise easily making them particularly susceptible to sand blasting or other physical damage.

Damage can also occur on loam or clay soils under extreme conditions.

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 DAMAGE TO SEEDLINGS ON CLAY SOIL UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS.

Canola damaged by sand blasting.