

# Australian Oilseeds Federation

## Crop Report



June 2008

### Canola 2008/09

The canola crop is forecast to be around 1.6 million tonnes.

	2007/08	2008/09 Estimates	
	Production (tonnes)	Area Planted (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
NSW	44,000	225,000	337,500
VIC	200,000	220,000	352,000
SA	155,000	175,000	245,000
WA	670,000	615,000	730,000
Total	1,069,000	1,235,000	1,664,500

Source: Industry Estimates, 13/06/08

Rain over the Anzac weekend across **NSW** and good prices has seen grower support for canola this season, although the dry May has seen some potential canola area switch to cereals. There have been reasonable, but variable, falls of rain across the state in the last week. This has boosted crops and enabled access to sub soil moisture. Areas which received good summer rainfall, have good sub soil moisture. Germination is variable, largely related to summer weed control. Crops range from just emerging to 6 leaf stage. There have been a few reports of insects, but these tend to be localised. Prospects are looking better than last year.

The average break in May across **Victoria** has been followed by a very dry period which has been broken by good rainfall in the last week. The rain over the last week has boosted the crops and establishment has been very good in most crops. There are some insects around, but nothing unusual. In the Mallee crops have been impacted by the dry conditions, while crops in the Wimmera generally look good, around two leaf stage. The north east/north central region was largely dry sown and emerged on the mid May rain. Crops generally look very good. Some parts of the Western District area had good rain mid May, followed by further falls last weekend. Crops are at the 1-2 leaf stage. The mild temperatures have helped crops and prospects generally look good if there is a reasonable winter rain pattern.

In **South Australia**, rainfall patterns have been similar to Victoria i.e. a dry period following planting and then reasonable rain over the past week. Most areas in the State have had enough rain to keep crops going and generally prospects look good.

Following the excellent start to the season across **Western Australia**, conditions have been remained dry. Canola plantings are forecast to be higher this year at the expense of lupin and pasture plantings, given the favourable price

outlook and good start to the season. Generally there has been good crop emergence/ establishment and crops are looking good, given the early moisture levels.

### Sunflowers 2007/08

Estimates remain unchanged from last month for sunflowers.

	2006/07	2007/08 Estimates	
	Production (tonnes)	Area Planted (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
QLD	2,960	20,100	30,550
NSW	15,040	28,300	43,450
Total	18,000	48,400	74,000

Source: Industry Estimates, 13/06/08

### Soybeans 2007/08

The soybean harvest is virtually complete and estimates remain unchanged from last month.

	2006/07	2007/08 Estimates	
	Production (tonnes)	Area Harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
QLD	11,125	8,000	20,930
NSW	20,760	6,855	13,800
Total	31,885	14,855	34,730

Source: Industry Estimates, 13/06/08

In the Riverina, single cropped soybeans yielded in excess of 4.15t/ha and doubled cropped soybean yielded approximately 3.5t/ha. These were double cropped behind winter wheat and canola crops. Quality to date is believed to be good.

### Upcoming Events

**28-30 July 2008 Australian Grains Industry Conference**, Melbourne [www.ausgrainsconf.com](http://www.ausgrainsconf.com)

**3-6 November 2008, International Safflower Conference**, Wagga Wagga NSW. Register at [www.australianoilseeds.com](http://www.australianoilseeds.com)

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