Drought

**Description:** During the vegetative stage leaves turn dark green to purple and tend to stand upright. Older leaves turn yellow and die. During flowering, flowers are aborted, pod set is significantly reduced and plants are stunted. Pod length is reduced and seed development is affected, resulting in shrivelled seed, which may also remain green if the moisture stress is late.

**Impact:** Poor or failed crops.

**Management:** Consider growing juncea canola. Do not sow too late in lower rainfall areas.

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*Canola crop showing drought damage.*