

# Australian Oilseeds Federation

## Crop Report



November 2011

### Canola 2011/12

	2010/11 Final		Area Planted* (hectares)	2011/12 November Estimate	
	Harvested Area (hectares)	Production (tonnes)		Harvested Area (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
NSW	310,000	620,000	395,000	395,000	630,000
Vic	240,000	450,000	390,000	370,000	590,000
SA	197,000	382,000	245,000	245,000	365,000
WA	845,000	709,000	800,000	800,000	1,040,000
Total	1,591,000	2,161,000	1,830,000	1,810,000	2,625,000

\*Area planted as at July 2010 estimates.  
Source: Industry Estimates: 11/11/2011

The lack of any significant hot weather in NSW and Vic, combined with some good rainfall during October has had a very positive impact on NSW and Victoria canola crops, with expected yields lifting in both states. An additional 75,000 tonnes has been added to the estimates for these states, while a slight increase in SA has boosted the national tonnage projection by 85,000 tonnes to a record 2.63 million tonnes. The previous record was 2.5mIn tonnes in the 1999/2000 season.

The beneficial season-end weather has also bolstered oil content in many areas, with reports of 44%+ oil being common.

Much of the crop in the north of **NSW** has been harvested with crops further south to central NSW at windrow stage. Yields across the state are generally good, with yields slightly ahead of long term average. The favourable weather condition in recent months, combined with low pest and disease prevalence is underpinning the higher yield. Oil content is also promising, with above average oil content, and reports as high as 49% being made. Good weather conditions in the coming week will support continued windrowing and harvesting, averting some of the 'wet harvest' issues reported last year. Indications are that grower interest in

canola will remain high in the coming year, with the success of the current crop bolstering grower confidence, and price firmness, especially versus wheat, further boosting interest.

In **Victoria**, harvest is well underway in the north, with deliveries being made to crushing mills. As with NSW, the very favourable conditions towards over the past 2 months have served the crop well, with yields slightly above long term average, and oil contents above average. The yiled has been lifted from last month to 1.6t/ha. Oil contents of 49% have been reported. Storms of the last week have impacted some crops and windrows, but there is not expected to be any significant impact on overall state tonnages.

**South Australia** is also experiencing a good finish to the season, with harvest now underway in the Mallee region, and good oil levels being reported. The good season experienced by SA growers this year is boosting enthusiasm and confidence for canola planting next year, subject to favourable conditions. Powdery mildew is present on crops, at a high level in places, on the Lower Eyre and York Peninsulas, while across the State, levels of blackleg are reported as being low. The favourable finish has boosted projected yields to 1.5t/ha, slightly ahead of the 5 year average of 1.4t/ha.

In **WA**, rain and storms have delayed harvest, and have caused some localised damage. As a result, the canola harvest is about 50% of where it should be by this time, although the crops have not suffered from the rain (as opposed to wheat and barley). The October rain in Esperance Zone has served to improve prospects in this zone, following a very dry August and September.

**Rabobank** last week issued the Australia and New Zealand Agri-business Review. The report can be accessed [here](#).