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Oilseeds WA Canola Variety Demonstration Trial Results

"2005 was an excellent year for growing Canola in WA." According to John Duff Executive Officer Oilseeds WA

Total state production of 630 000 tonne was the second highest on record. This eclipsed 2003 as the best year since 1999 when higher prices and record plantings resulted in a million tonne crop.

Increased demand for canola and oilseeds is possible as Europe continues to increase production of biodiesel using canola oil.

Canola production per hectare in WA was exceptional with a state average of 1.43 t/ha. One crop at Watheroo reported an average yield of 4 t/ha. Oil percentage was also high with a state average of 45%. The high production is largely attributable to wide spread rain at the start and finish to the season.

Data from Oilseeds WA "*Farmer Scale*" Canola Variety Demonstration Trials across WA has been analyzed by Graham Walton of Department of Agriculture and David Sermon of ConsultAg. The results are summarized the three charts below. The data shows consistently high yields for most varieties.

The data below is included in the GRDC funded WA annual "Oilseeds WA Canola Update" due out in February. The update contains reports on the high, medium and low rainfall zones of WA. It has information on canola production issues for both southern and northern districts.

Also due out later this year is "Growing Western Canola" the Oilseeds WA guide to growing canola in the West. The guide, the update and a number of grower case studies will be available on the Oilseeds WA page of the Australian Oilseeds Federation Website. Hard copy will also be available direct from Oilseeds WA.

Oilseeds WA acknowledge the invaluable contribution of the thirteen growers, twelve agronomists the co-operation of canola seed companies and the support GRDC.

Photo Jeremy Wood inspects the Oilseeds WA canola variety trial on the Wood Family Property at Kendenup

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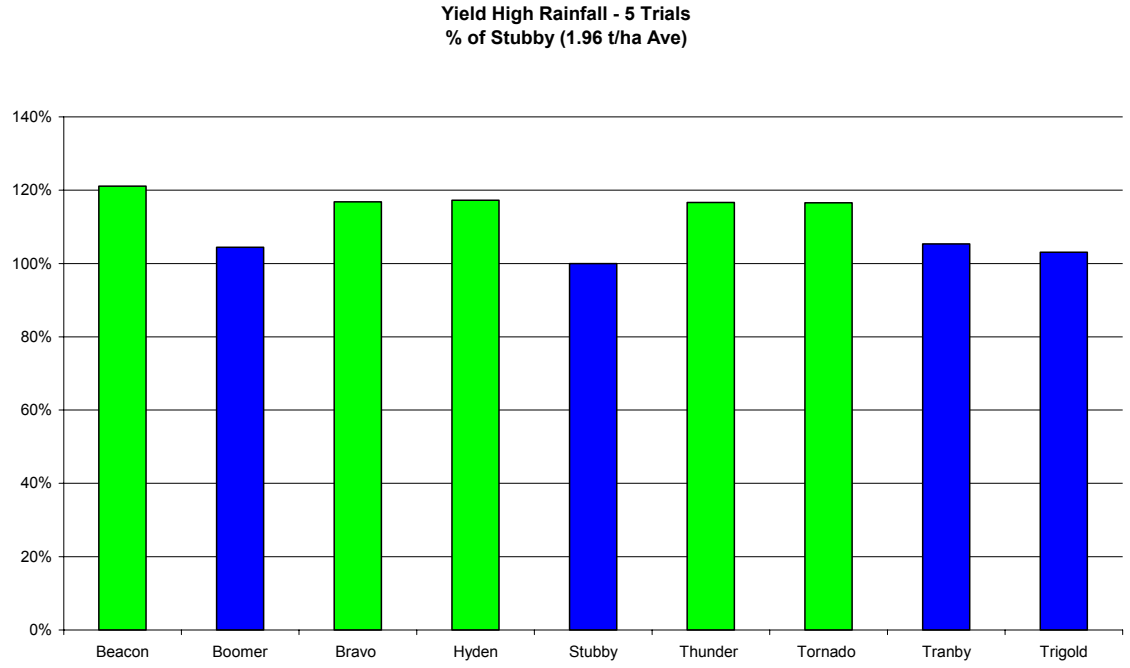
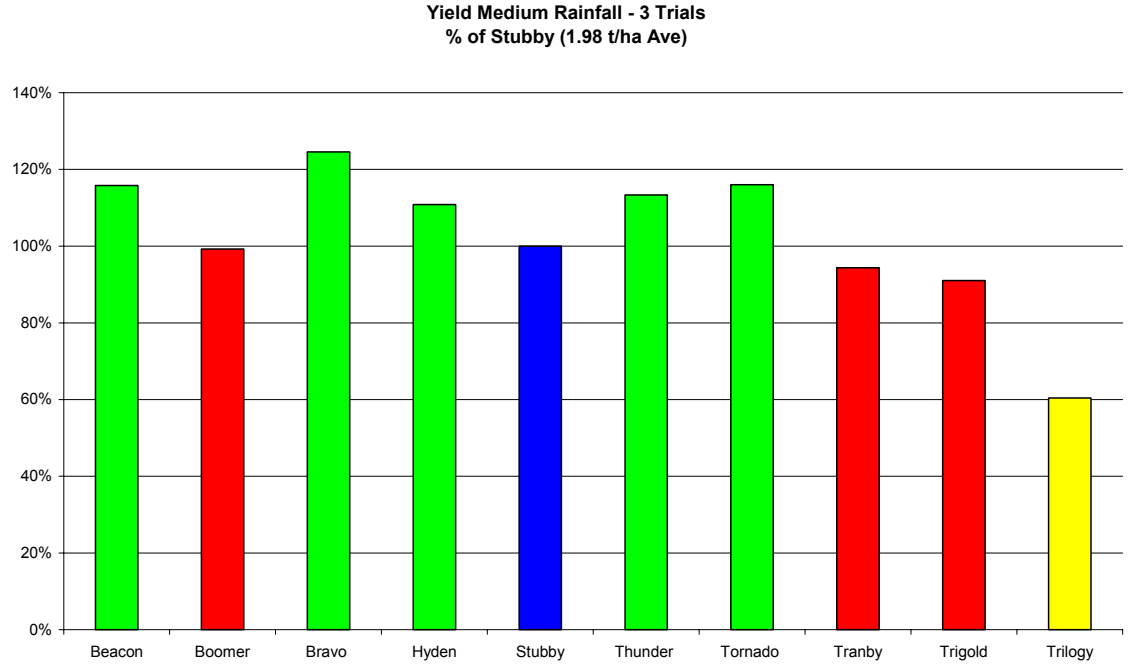


**Thunder and Tornado were both treated with Jockey*
These trials were located at Kendenup, Munglinup, Tunney, Walkaway and Williams



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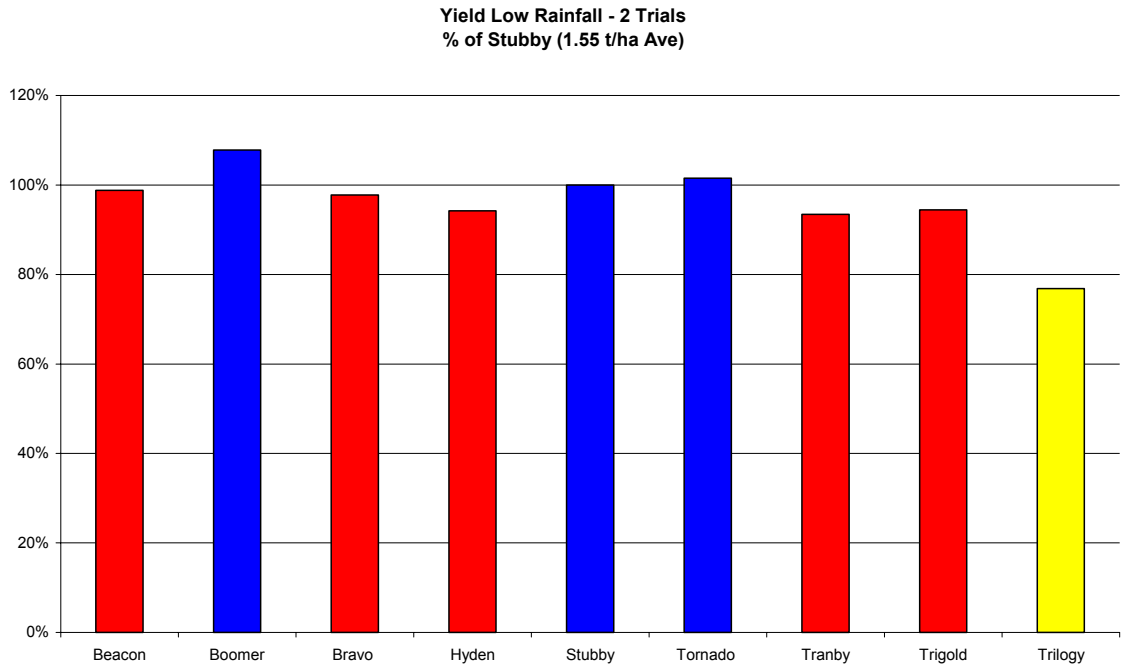

** Tornado treated with Jockey*
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