

# Australian Oilseeds Federation

## Crop Report



July 2005

### Canola 2005/06

The Australian canola crop is better than thought prior the rain in June in eastern Australia. We now estimate production at 1.31 million tonnes.

	2004/05 production (tonnes)	2005/06 Estimates	
		Area (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
NSW	420,000	111,000	150,000
VIC	395,000	225,000	405,000
SA	226,000	140,000	175,000
WA	490,000	430,000	580,000
Total	1,531,000	906,000	1,310,000

Source: Industry Estimates, 8/07/05

The area sown for **NSW** has been increased by about 30,000 hectares over the June estimate with most crops sown dry before the break. Crops now have emerged well and few pest problems have been reported. Some areas are suffering from wet conditions, but overall the crop looks good. Therefore, the yield estimate has also been increased to 1.35 t/ha.

The **Victorian** crop and yield estimate remain the same as for the June report. After receiving over 50 mm in most areas, the dry weather over the last two weeks or so, has allowed all the crop that was not dry sown to be planted. Establishment is good with the most advanced crops being at the three-leaf stage, although most crops have only recently emerged. Few insect pest problems have been reported. Most of the crop is in the higher rainfall areas, resulting in the relatively high yield estimate.

The situation in **South Australia** is similar to Victoria with no change to area or production estimates from the June report. Very little crop was planted in lower rainfall areas due to the late break. Some canola will still be sown in the South East, either soon in early July or later as a true spring crop. Very few establishment problems have been reported. There may be upside to the yield estimate after we see what late winter and early spring bring.

**Western Australia** has had an excellent start with crops in many areas looking the best for several years, apart from some waterlogging problems near Albany. Crops in the Esperance, Kwinana and Geraldton areas look excellent. The yield estimate has been raised slightly to 1.35 t/ha.

### Market Comment

Recently there have been large daily swings in prices due to weather affecting the US soybean complex. August weather will be critical for the US bean market. In Canada, canola sowing intentions were above expectations, although the full potential area may not have been sown due to wet weather in some areas and dry sowing conditions in other areas. However, it looks as if the Canadian crop will be higher than previously expected. In Australia, the market has been very quiet over the last few days, due to the above conditions in the US. (8 July 2005)

### Upcoming Events

**19-20 July 2005, Grains West conference**, Hotel Rendezvous Observation City, Perth. Contact John Duff 08 9475 0753

**9 & 10 August 2005 Agriculture Australia** - the grains industry's annual conference will be held in Melbourne. Contact Rosemary Richards 02 9405 2340 or Geoff Honey 02 9402 9402

**3-7 October 2005, ARAB14**, Port Lincoln, South Australia

**12 October 2005 AOF Forum**. The AOF's annual conference will be held in Sydney. For further information contact AOF on 02 9405 2340

**13 October 2005 AOF Annual General Meeting**, Sydney

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