

# Australian Oilseeds Federation

## Crop Report



November 2007

### Canola 2007/08

The east coast canola crop has been revised down further, with overall production now estimated at 953,000 tonnes, down around 10% on last month.

	2006/07 Production (tonnes)	2007/08 Estimates		
		Area Planted (hectares)	Area Harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
NSW	30,000	240,000	55,000	40,000
VIC	42,000	270,000	155,000	248,000
SA	75,000	160,000	160,000	190,000
WA	365,000	390,000	390,000	475,000
Total	512,000	1,060,000	760,000	953,000

Source: Industry Estimates, 9/11/07

No real benefit will be seen for canola from the good rainfall in the past two weeks through much of southern **New South Wales**. Northern areas are close to completing harvest where yields and oil content disappointing (35-38% oil). The Central West is a similar story with disappointing yields and low oil (33-35%). It is estimated that 70% of the area in this region has been cut for hay. Some crops were left for direct heading and there are some good crops on irrigation. In the South, there is very little left to harvest and windrowing is nearly completed. Late frost has done some damage, as has heliothis in some areas. It is estimated only 55,000 hectares will be harvested for 40,000 tonnes.

Although a downturn in production is expected across much of **Victoria**, outlook for areas in the south west and southern Wimmera are relatively positive. Severe temperatures during the third week of October caused a lot of tipping on later crops. Good rainfall in the south will help those crops and oil and seed quality is expected to be good in that region. The estimate of 248,000 tonnes from 155,000 hectares is now more in line with trade estimates.

Harvest is well underway in the northern and western areas of **South Australia**, with yields down somewhat. In the South East, crops are still 2-3 weeks off windrowing and are expected to show higher yields. This area has continued to get regular rainfall through spring. Very little canola was cut for hay or silage. There is no change to previous estimates.

Estimates are unchanged from last month for **Western Australia**. It is estimated that harvest is about one third completed, with very good oils reported at 42-43%. The Esperance region had 50-60 mm rainfall in the past couple of weeks and there was hail damage in isolated areas. The South has just commenced harvest with good oil, yield and quality prospects, reflecting the soft finish.

### Sunflowers and Soybeans 2007/08

Forecasts for sunflowers and soybeans will commence in December.

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