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## OILSEEDS NEWS

### VIRTUAL SOYBEAN CROP



**BREAKING THROUGH: Late-sown soybeans emerging in a NSW DPI sowing-time trial. The progress of the trial can be viewed on the AOF's Virtual Soybean website.**

Sowing is nearly complete for the Australian soybean crop, and fine examples of soybeans can now be viewed online at the Virtual Soybean Crop on the Australian Oilseeds Federation's website.

Oilseeds Industry Development Officer, Felicity Pritchard said that weekly or fortnightly photos of irrigated soybean crops at Leeton, in the Riverina, Echuca and two rainfed crops near Mackay and

in the Burdekin region in Queensland will be posted on the site for all in the industry to view the progress of this season's crops.

The photos will be provided by agronomists Dale Boyd, Victorian Department of Primary Industries, Luke Gaynor New South Wales Department of Primary

Industries, John Hughes of the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and Burdekin grower Andrew Lashmar.

To view the virtual soybean crops, visit

[http://www.australianoilseeds.com/info/virtual\\_soybean\\_crop](http://www.australianoilseeds.com/info/virtual_soybean_crop) .

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## **SOYBEAN GROUPS PULL TOGETHER**

Soybean growers and industry representatives have now formed a national body under the auspice of the Australian Oilseeds Federation.

Three industry groups from Queensland, northern NSW and the Riverina and northern Victoria will work together under the one body for the first time, with representation from all three regions on the National Soybean Committee.

Toowoomba-based Peter Brodie of Philp Brodie Grains will be the National Soybean Committee's representative for the AOF.

The Riverina Soybean Growers' Association will be represented on the AOF Committee by Coleambally grower Steve Wilson and Berrigan seed grader and exporter Max Dempster. Membership of the RSGA will be transferred to the RSGA Committee and members will receive the same service under the new structure.

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