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## **OILSEEDS NEWS - MEDIA RELEASES**

### **LEADA GROUP AND CANOLA CROP UPDATE IN SA**

An exceptional line up of presenters will be on hand to explore a range of issues in farm management at the LEADA group update for agronomists and growers to be held at Cummins Institute from 8:30 am on Friday 13 March.

The update will tie in with the Better Oilseeds project of the Grains Research and Development Corporation and Australian Oilseed Federation (AOF) and will look at topics covering farming systems, farm profitability and financial management, grazing crops and crop protection.

Professor Tim Reeves will be the headline attraction, discussing ‘big picture’ issues facing agriculture with his presentation ‘feeding the world: new opportunities and challenges for Australian farmers’. And farm profitability will be put under the spotlight in Eyre Peninsula consultant Ed Hunt’s presentation.

Dr Steve Marcroft will travel from Victoria to present information on agronomic management of canola to increase the durability of resistance to the serious disease, blackleg.

To cap off the keynote speakers, a farmer successfully employing controlled traffic on his property will talk about his experiences with the technology.

Another exciting speaker will be CSIRO’s Dr Susan Sprague, a Canberra-based research scientist who will provide participants with practical recommendations for using canola as a dual purpose crop. The information comes at the completion of three years’ research by the organisation.

Grazing management in crops and pastures with the use of temporary electric fencing will be explored with consultant Daniel Schuppan.

Other speakers will include Tim McLelland of Birchip Cropping Group who will cover crop water use efficiency and crop yield forecasting with the computer model Yield Prophet

SARDI's Ken Henry who will present information on insect pest issues and management in South Australia. And Naracoorte-based Trent Potter of the same organisation will provide a wrap-up of South Australian trial results for the Better Oilseeds project.

Registrations begin at 8:30 am, with presentations starting at 9:00 am at the Cummins Institute, Railway Terrace, Cummins. Cost is \$50 per farm business or individual. Please RSVP to Kieran Wauchope of Rural Solutions SA for further information on 0428 761 502 by Wednesday 11 March.

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