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BETTER CANOLA HAY TRIALS FIELD DAY ON FRIDAY



FROM CANADA: Canadian farmer Stew Gilroy will talk about canola at the Birchip Cropping Group's Wimmera Field Day on Friday.

Photo: Felicity Pritchard.

Birchip Cropping Group's Wimmera Field Day on Friday will feature Canadian grower Stew Gilroy and showcase a canola hay trial, which is coordinated by the Better Canola project.

The trial will compare cutting times and varieties to find out how to make the best quality and highest yielding canola hay. It will also compare the profit between grain and hay.

The trial is timely as a huge number of canola crops have been cut for hay this season in New South Wales and Victoria following the disappointing end to a season that started with great promise.

Canola growers are learning from experience and feedback from the dairy industry about how to better manage their crops – and the trial will add some hard data to back up these experiences.

Rosemary Richards, Executive Officer for the Australian Oilseeds Federation will provide an overview of the project and Kate McCormick of John Stuchbery and Associates will present preliminary results from the trial.

Felicity Pritchard, Oilseeds Industry Development Officer, will also speak about new technologies for canola and Stew Gilroy will answer queries about his experiences with growing genetically modified canola in Canada.

The Better Canola project is a national project on oilseed agronomy, funded by the Grains Research and Development Corporation and the Australian Oilseeds Federation.

The field day starts at 1:30 pm at Longerenong College, and is free for BCG members or \$20 for non-members. Prior registration is not required. For more details, contact BCG on (03) 5492 2787.
