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## **OILSEEDS NEWS**

### **PLAN EARLY FOR CANOLA SEED**

Australia's canola seed marketers believe they will have sufficient seed available for next year's canola crop, but growers are urged to get their orders in early if they want their first choice of variety.

Seed of new varieties will be in short supply, according to Dovuro/Nuseed Business Manager, Daryl Scollary.

“At this early stage, we are already receiving significant orders for 2007 planting,” he said.

He said that Dovuro/Nuseed had reasonable carryover stocks from the 2005 harvest. Most of the rainfed 2006 seed crops would not be harvested due to frost and drought, but the irrigated crops were holding up well.

“We certainly recommend that growers talk to their re-seller about securing seed if they plan to plant canola in 2007”.

Canola growers planning to use their own seed need to be aware of the pitfalls, according to Oilseeds Industry Development Officer, Felicity Pritchard.

“Any canola seed retained for sowing next year’s crop should be tested for germination and vigour through an accredited seed testing laboratory,’ she said.

Seeds can also be analysed for other parameters such as weed seeds and weight determination to help calculate sowing rates.

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