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IRRIGATED CANOLA VARIETY TRIAL RESULTS



INFORMED: Growers have now access to information on long-term performance of irrigated canola varieties.

Irrigators now have access to better information to help them choose the best canola variety for their situation.

Long-term results from canola variety trials on irrigation in the Kerang region, conducted by the

Victorian Department of Primary Industries, are now available for the first time.

Oilseeds Industry Development Officer, Felicity Pritchard, said that irrigated canola growers have had less information on variety choices available to them than their dryland counterparts, as canola varieties on irrigation are not trialled as part of the National Variety Testing (NVT).

“Biometrician Chris Lisle from the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries has worked together with the Victorian DPI to analyse the data. Previously,

we could only look at the variety trial one year at a time. We now have information on which varieties under irrigation stack up the best over a four-year period.”

Victorian DPI irrigation agronomist, Damian Jones, suggested that growers use varieties that have proven to be high-yielding in the longer term, and test new varieties on a smaller scale.

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