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RIVERINA SOYBEANS BREAK YIELD RECORDS

The soybean harvest in the Riverina is drawing to a close with commercial crops breaking previous yield records this season due to a combination of good management practices and a kind growing season.



ECSTATIC: Riverina soybean yields hit a new high this harvest.

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Mr Gaynor said that irrigation management by growers was excellent this year, with crops being watered at the most critical stages.

The average yield this year is 4.2 tonnes per hectare, with one commercial crop yielding a record 4.7 tonnes per hectare.

The adoption of the newer, higher yielding varieties, Djakal and Snowy, was the main reason for the good average yields was according Wagga Wagga-based soybean researcher, Luke Gaynor, with New South Wales

He also said that the season was warmer than usual, and generally had lower insect pressure – both factors favouring soybean yields.

Coleambally soybean grower Steve Wilson said that his two crops of Djakal soybeans yielded 4.75 and 4.25 tonnes per hectare. His previous record for a culinary soybean variety was 4.0 tonnes per hectare.

“I’m ecstatic with soybeans this year – just with the fact that you take the risk and grow a crop when many others traded the water”.

And the residual soil moisture and nitrogen from the crops will not be going to waste. Mr Wilson said that he will sow a crop of Gairdner barley into the soybean paddocks within the next ten days.
