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SOY FAR, SO GOOD



SOY HAPPY: John Houghton, right, is pleased with his Snowy soybean seed crop. Pictured with NSW DPI researcher Luke Gaynor.

The soybean harvest in the New South Wales Riverina and northern Victoria is half-way there and growers are pleased with above-average yields, especially of the newer varieties, Djakal and Snowy.

Riverina Soybean Growers' Association President and harvest contractor, Jim Maskus said that yields of soybean crops he had

harvested this month have ranged from three to 4.5 tonnes per hectare.

He said that he had mostly harvested the variety Djakal, and its yields were comparable to the new variety, Snowy, which will mostly be harvested in the next fortnight.

Yanco producer, John Houghton, was pleased with the yield and quality of his seed crop of Snowy, which will be sold under contract to the Association for next season's planting.

The benefits of newer varieties were clear to Mr Maskus. "I stripped a crop of (an older variety) Curringa, which yielded 3.5 to 3.7 tonnes per hectare," Mr Maskus said. "It was next to a crop of Djakal, which was four tonnes per hectare."
