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Ready, Set, Harvest!

The first Roundup Ready[®] canola crop has been delivered into a silo in NSW. Harvest results are promising despite the very dry season.

Graham Barron of Parkes in NSW delivered his first GM canola crop this week and is impressed by the results and with the supply chain processes.

“There was no problem delivering the grain into the silo site and everyone knew what to do with the GM canola. It’s a very secure system right through the supply chain.”

While still too early for full and final results, he said, “The crop has held up well and I’m pleased with the yield despite the abnormally dry conditions. In comparison the Roundup Ready canola from NuSeed has performed better than the conventional canola I grew this year.”

Mr Barron plans to plant more GM canola next year. “This will become the norm for us rather than the exception. Roundup Ready canola offers growers a choice of systems to use on the farm. The technology is long overdue in Australia and it represents another tool for growers to use in their toolkit,” he said.

“Planting Roundup Ready canola makes good economic and sustainable sense. It helps us to be more competitive internationally and it lowers the use of other chemicals that have strong environmental impacts like atrazine. It’s cleaner, greener technology.”

This is the first crop of Roundup Ready canola since the moratoriums were lifted in NSW and Victoria early this year. Growers have been reporting excellent vigour and robust Roundup Ready canola plants throughout the 2008 season. Hundreds of growers, agronomists and industry stakeholders attended Field Trials and Field Days across both states as the industry prepared growers and many other stakeholders for the first harvest delivery.

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