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Viterra and GRDC launch new and improved canola variety

Viterra and the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) are co-launching XCEED™ Oasis CL canola, a new crop option for grain growers in low rainfall cropping areas across South Australia and Victoria.

XCEED™ Oasis CL is the first variety to be released under Viterra's XCEED™ canola program, and is the world's first herbicide tolerant juncea variety grown under a Clearfield® production system*.

Dr Wayne Burton, Viterra's Senior Canola Breeder, said XCEED Oasis CL canola's inherent traits presented a number of advantages over traditional canola varieties.

"XCEED Oasis CL has been adapted to suit warmer, drier climates, with increased tolerance to frost, heat and drought, while also having improved seed quality, enhanced resistance to shattering and higher potential oil and protein percentages.

"The advantages of XCEED Oasis CL canola over traditional canola also include more vigorous seedling growth, quicker ground covering ability and enhanced resistance to Blackleg," he said.

Brondwen MacLean, GRDC's Senior Manager, Breeding Programs, said growers in low rainfall cropping regions urgently required alternative crops to cereals for sustainable cropping systems.

"The GRDC is committed to ensuring there is an increase in broadleaf crops on farm by delivering adapted cultivars that will give growers viable break crops in their cropping rotation.

"The introduction of XCEED canola follows nearly two decades of breeding and we are pleased to partner with Viterra to deliver this exciting new break crop option to Australian grain growers.

"The Corporation will continue to invest in the National Brassica Germplasm Improvement Program and the canola molecular marker program, which will have flow on benefits to the XCEED breeding program," she said.

XCEED™ Oasis CL is currently available to growers in low rainfall areas in South Australia and Victoria from Viterra on a production contract basis. The targeted low rainfall zones include the Mid North around Port Pirie, areas of the northern and central Eyre Peninsula, and the Mallee and Riverland areas.

Viterra will be opening segregations for XCEED™ Oasis CL at a number of grain receival sites during the 2012/13 harvest, including Murdinga, Rudall, Balaklava, Port Pirie and Tailern Bend in South Australia, and Warracknabeal in Victoria. Growers interested in growing XCEED™ Oasis CL this harvest should contact their local Viterra Customer Relationship Manager or the Viterra Service Centre on 1800 018 205.

XCEED™ Oasis CL is a conventionally bred juncea canola variety that has been developed by Agriculture Victoria Services (Department of Primary Industries, Victoria) and Viterra, in association with the GRDC.

* The Clearfield® Production System is a combination of herbicides and seeds that are tolerant to these herbicides. The seeds are obtained using traditional breeding methods and not using genetic engineering.



About Viterra

Viterra provides premium quality ingredients to leading global food manufacturers. Headquartered in Canada, the global agribusiness has extensive operations across Western Canada, North America, Australia and New Zealand. The company's growing international presence also extends to offices in Japan, Singapore, China, Vietnam, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Ukraine, Germany and India. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, Viterra operates in three distinct businesses: grain handling and marketing, agri-products, and processing. Viterra's expertise, close relationships with producers, and superior logistical assets allow the company to consistently meet the needs of the most discerning end-use customers, helping to fulfill the nutritional needs of people around the world. TSX: VT ASX: VTA

About GRDC (www.grdc.com.au)

The GRDC is one of the world's leading grains research organisations, responsible for planning and investing in R&D to support effective competition by Australian grain growers in global markets, through enhanced profitability and sustainability. GRDC is working to ensure Australian grain growers have:

- better practices developed faster
- access to superior varieties that enable them to effectively compete in global markets
- new products services (both on and off farm) to assist growers to effectively compete in global grain markets
- the awareness and capacity to optimise adoption of grains research outputs.

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