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**Viterra trials new breed of canola**

Viterra is currently trialling a new breed of juncea canola in commercial demonstration fields across South Australia. The trials are part of Viterra's research and development activities aimed at providing growers with increased access to innovative seed varieties with higher yields and increased adaptability to drought.

Oasis CL is a tolerant CLEARFIELD® juncea canola variety which has been developed through conventional breeding. It has been adapted to suit hotter, drier climates, with increased tolerance to frost, heat and drought. Other benefits of this variety include high early vigour, enhanced resistance to shattering and higher potential oil and protein percentages.

Dr Wayne Burton leads Viterra's research and development activities in Australia, with a focus on developing juncea canola and hybrid Roundup Ready® *Brassica napus* to suit Australian growing conditions.

"Many growers in low rainfall regions don't have many options in terms of break crops in cereal rotations," Dr Burton said.

"Oasis CL has very similar oil content to traditional canola varieties which increases its potential as a highly marketable commodity both domestically and globally."

The commercial demonstration trials of Oasis CL are being run in the Murray Mallee, upper mid north and upper Eyre Peninsula regions of South Australia. Viterra will be conducting a crop tour in September to showcase the variety.

Viterra has spent several years developing canola specifically for the Australian market. CLEARFIELD® juncea canola varieties have been developed by Viterra and Agriculture Victoria Services in association with the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC). While juncea canola varieties are the first products being released for commercial sale, Viterra continues researching a number of other products.

"We're expanding our research and development trials and we are currently carrying out small plot breeding trials in Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria," Dr Burton said.

Dr Burton is part of Viterra's global canola development team of world-class plant breeders. Viterra's research and development program includes more than 60 employees globally, including breeders, scientists, agronomists and technicians. Canola is Viterra's main research focus, with *Brassica juncea* and *Brassica napus* representing the company's primary efforts. Along with a large flax breeding program, the company also works with a range of partners to develop wheat, durum, barley and oat varieties.



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## About Viterra

Viterra provides premium quality ingredients to leading global food manufacturers. Headquartered in Canada, the global agribusiness has extensive operations across Western Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, with Adelaide, Australia as the base for Viterra's Southeast Asian operations. Our growing international presence also extends to operations in the United States, offices in Japan, Singapore, China, and Switzerland. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit we operate in five interrelated business areas: grain handling and marketing, agri-products, food processing, feed products and financial services.

Our 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.

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