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“GIWA welcomes commercial cultivation of GM Canola”

Tony Critch, Chairman of GIWA, says “GIWA welcomes the WA State Government’s issue of an exemption order to permit commercial cultivation of Office of Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) approved genetically modified canola in Western Australia”.

GIWA is committed to grower and market choice according to the national guidelines set out in the document “Delivering market choice with GM canola”.

New South Wales and Victorian growers have had the choice to grow GM canola since 2008. Other international oilseed producing countries have been reaping benefits from GM canola since the mid nineteen nineties. Now for the first time WA growers have the same choice.

During the 2009 GM canola trial program the WA grains industry proved it could effectively segregate GM from non-GM canola. GIWA encourages the use of the rapid test for the presence of GM canola to deliver market choice from the WA supply chain. This approach will ensure growers and the grains industry will continue to enjoy both production choice and market choice.

All growers involved in the GM program trial in 2009 reported that GM technology will have a valuable place in their farming systems. These growers have indicated they are looking forward to having access to the technology and including it in their cropping programs.

GIWA congratulates Minister Redman on having the courage and foresight to permit the adoption of GM canola.

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