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First time entry results in a win

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IT was the first time North Shields farmer Glen Murray had entered something in the Royal Adelaide Show and he brought home prizes for Champion Canola and Grand Champion Oil Seed.

Mr Murray said it was rewarding to be recognised among the State's top growers and he never really expected the accolades.

"I just saved a bucket of canola off

the header last harvest and next thing I knew I was over in Adelaide at the presentations."

The canola was garnet variety from a district with an average annual rainfall of 400mm or over and boasted an oil content of 46.2 per cent.

On the Grains and Fodder Awards day Mr Murray was presented with a Centre State Exports trophy and Pacific Seeds trophy as well as a voucher from Trees for Life.

Mr Murray said he and wife Mary

would probably enter in the show again next year and encouraged others to do so.

"I only entered because my good friend Andrew Hentschke at Lock encouraged me to," he said.

Mr Murray said he agisted wether hoggets on Mr Hentschke's farm after his land was burnt in the 2005 Black Tuesday fires.

Mr Hentschke is involved with the show society and encouraged more West Coast farmers to enter.



GRAND CHAMPION: North Shields farmer Glen Murray was honoured to take out the Champion Canola and Grand Champion Oil Seed at this year's Royal Adelaide Show.