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# Higher yields and more 'maturity choices'

NUSEED will have four Roundup Ready (RR) canola varieties available to WA farmers in 2010.

The global seed business, headquartered in Horsham, Victoria, and owned by Nufam, is committed to the breeding of canola, wheat, sunflower, corn, grain and forage sorghum.

According to Nuseed sales and production agronomist in WA, Glenn Lendon, Nuseed is working with international partners to ensure that Australian farmers have the best technology available for their use.

"We're an Australian-owned seed company working for Australian farmers," Mr Lendon said.

"Nuseed is the only company to have delivered new Roundup Ready germplasm to WA farmers in the first year of commercial release.

"Nuseed is delivering higher yields and more maturity choices."

The four RR varieties available to WA farmers are GT61, GT Scorpion, GT Cougar and GT Mustang, suited to a range of conditions.

The early-maturing, first generation GT61 has very good vigour and is ideal for low rainfall zones, and an ideal alternative to TT varieties such as Tanami and Cobbler.

The other three varieties are new generation hybrids developed from state-of-the-art seed technology.

GT Scorpion matures from early to middle stages and is more versatile, and

also grows well in low rainfall regions. GT Scorpion was the highest yielding commercially available RR canola variety at the 2009 NVT site with the lowest mean yield.

GT Cougar exhibits mid-maturity with excellent early vigour, while GT Mustang yields extremely well with a middle to late maturity. GT Mustang was the highest yielding commercially available RR canola variety at the 2009 NVT site with the highest mean yield.

The tables show more specific information on each variety.

Mr Lendon said the 2009 NVT yield data highlighted the excellent performance of Nuseed varieties against their "much talked-about competitors".

"In particular, note the excellent performance of varieties GT Scorpion and GT Mustang."

Mr Lendon urged farmers to order their seed now.

"Nuseed anticipates that there will be a high level of demand from WA farmers for the Roundup Ready technology," he said.

"Nuseed placed RR seed crops in strategic locations to ensure high yields and seed quality.

"Proactive decisions made a year ago have paid off.

"As a result of its management, Nuseed anticipates that it will be able to supply the demand from WA farmers for this new and exciting technology."

Mr Lendon said farmers should secure

supply of seed by placing orders with Monsanto technology service providers (TSP).

Local seed retailers will be able to assist farmers secure RR seed.

Mr Lendon said Monsanto TSPs should be contacted with queries on the retail price of seed.

"A Monsanto end point royalty (EPR) applies to all RR grain harvested," he said.

Nuseed's RR seed crops were grown in strategic locations in the eastern states to ensure high yields and seed quality.

"They have been grown to strict standards specified by the NUQAS quality assurance scheme," Mr Lendon said.

In WA, apart from Mr Lendon, Nuseed is also served by technical sales seed representative Andrew Suverijn.

## AT A GLANCE

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□ Wes Baker, Bulyee, in a GT61 trial crop demonstrating the Roundup Ready technology to other WA farmers during a field day held in 2009