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# Monola hectares set to increase in 2010

ATTRACTED by the high yields of Nuseed's triazine tolerant variety, Monola 76TT in NVT canola trials, along with the promise of a very healthy \$45/t premium over canola, growers from Williams, Narrogin, Wagin, Katanning, Arthur River and Boyup Brook planted about 1300ha to the crop in 2009.

Monola is a new triazine tolerant high oleic canola oilseed variety marketed by Nuseed under the Cropnetwork banner.

When compared with other commonly used vegetable oils, oil made from Monola grain, has the lowest saturated fat content and yet is high in desirable monounsaturated fat, it's virtually free of trans fats, is free of cholesterol and comes with the big tick of approval from the Heart Foundation.

And it appears Monola may not only be healthier to eat, it is an equally healthy break crop for cereals and a potential profit driver for growers that can produce a crop.

Monola grain is strategically marketed by Cropnetwork and is destined for Riverland Oilseed Processor's Pinjarra crushing plant.

From there the oil will be either exported or supplied to domestic customers located on the east coast.

Coming through some early obstacles in its inaugural year in WA, Nuseed say they are very happy with the early adoption of Monola 76TT.

"We consider the 2009 crop a solid foundation on which to increase the area planted to Monola varieties in 2010," Nuseed WA sales and production agronomist, Glenn Lendon said.

"WA Monola 76TT crops got off to a good start and showed very good vigour.

"The results to date have been promising and Nuseed is already working with Riverland Oilseed Processors investigating future grain storage options and remuneration arrangements for growers, in anticipation of a significant increase in adoption of Monola 76TT in 2010."

Mr Lendon said Monola 76TT was

included in 12 NVT trials located throughout the state in 2009.

A range of agro ecological zones had been covered in the trials located at Northampton, Eradu, Calingiri, Eneabba, Cunderdin, Wagin, Wickopin, Kojonup west, Tunney, Williams, Munglinup and south Stirling.

Monola 76TT has also been included in five Oilseeds WA trials located at Munglinup, Jerdacuttup, Eradu, Walkaway and Williams as well as being included in an independent trial at York run by Richard Devlin of Living Farm Pty Ltd.

"Exhaustive evaluation in 2009 aims to build on the excellent Monola 76TT trial results of 2008 that showed it outperformed other standard commercially available triazine tolerant canola varieties," Mr Lendon said.

He said Monola oil was already available commercially and was marketed under the brand name Crisco Endura.



□ Nuseed field operations manager Glenn Ryan (left), with Nuseed field officer Adam Wallis compile notes on Monola flowering at the breeder's trial located at Goomalling during a recent trip to WA.