

Trial 19

Canola Time of Sowing Trial

Sponsored by the Victorian Farmers Federation

Aim: to determine the optimum sowing time over a number of seasons for Karoo and Narendra canola

Method: Karoo and Narendra canola were sown on the 8th May, 12th June, 10th July (the plots sown on the 10th of July were not harvested due to a very poor crop)

Results:

canola variety	sowing date	yield (t/ha)
Karoo	May 8	1.25
Karoo	June 12	0.99
Narendra	May 8	1.47
Narendra	June 12	0.72
Significant difference		P<0.05 LSD=0.40

Interpretation: the late sown crops (in July) were extremely poor and were not harvested. The optimum sowing time for the 1996 season was early May. There was no significant difference in yield between Karoo and Narendra on the same sowing date.