

The time to sow crops is fast approaching for Riverina growers. Moisture probes are going into the ground and weather predictions are being closely monitored. Growers who planted early grazing crops following recent March rains are seeing evenly emerging crops of triticale and oats. Grazing wheat and barley will also be planted in the coming weeks, followed by Canola which is due to be planted around ANZAC day or after the next rain event.

The Riverina has received some great rainfalls of around 300mm between November 2009 and April 2010. This has provided fantastic soil moisture levels and we are expecting to see similar crop rotations to the 2009/10 season. Canola is also expected to be a popular choice this 10/11 season with some companies, reportedly sold out of the main line seeds. Genetically modified canola will again be an option growers will look towards to take advantage of better yields. Receival depots for this crop will be advised closer to harvest time.

Very little in the way of forward contracts have been drawn up this season which is the norm given that most crops are not yet in the ground. At time of writing, Port Kembla multigrade 2010 season wheat prices are around \$210.00 per metric tonne for APW1.

Whilst the 09/10 carry out grain remains wholly unsold, we are selling small parcels come to the market. AGA have various delivered homes across the Southern NSW and Northern Victorian regions and also offer ex-farm pricing alternatives in these regions. New crop canola is indicatively bid \$430.00/mt, for growers looking to lock in any early tonnes and AGA are also offering hectare contracts for new season noodle wheat.

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