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Nufarm welcomes canola choice in WA

Nufarm Australia welcomes Monday's decision by the Western Australian Government to lift the moratorium on genetically modified (GM) canola, saying it is a welcome boost for the state's farmers and Australian agriculture.

"Farmers in WA will now have access to the GM canola systems, and in particular the next generation of Roundup Ready® canola varieties, that have been available to farmers in New South Wales and Victoria in recent years," said Nufarm chief executive Doug Rathbone.

"This decision also allows for WA farmers choice to realise the benefits that have been enjoyed by Canadian and US growers for more than a decade."

The WA Government decision follows numerous trial plantings across canola growing areas of the state last year that demonstrated the effectiveness of the system and its ability to meet market segmentation requirements.

And farmers are keen to get the next generation of Roundup Ready canola crops in the ground and see the system for themselves.

"WA farmers have expressed incredible interest in GM canola in anticipation of the moratoria being lifted by the WA government," says Tim Wilmshurst, Nuseed canola product manager.

"We hold significant orders for our next generation Roundup Ready canola varieties in WA and are delighted to be in a position to support our farmers with the complete range of canola systems available.

"They will now have access to the full range of options for their canola rotation, meaning they can choose the option that best suits their circumstances.

Farmers wishing to know more about planting next generation Roundup Ready canola varieties in WA this season should contact their local Nuseed or Nufarm representative, or visit nuseed.com.au.

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