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PROFIT THROUGH POLLINATION WITH CANOLA CROPS

The Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc.) (WAFarmers) Beekeeping Section President Dave Leyland believes that now would be an excellent time for canola growers to utilise honeybees for pollination.

“With canola selling at over \$800 a tonne, farmers wishing to capitalise through yield increases should seriously consider the use of honeybees for pollination,” said Mr Leyland.

Rob Manning, a Research Officer at the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA), has found that there is a 23 per cent increase in yield by using honeybees to pollinate crops.

“With such a high value crop, farmers should consider all options, including honeybee pollination, to effectively and efficiently increase their yields,” commented Mr Leyland.

Farmers wanting further information on the benefits of honeybee pollination should contact Rob Manning at DAFWA.

Those farmers interested in using honeybees for canola pollination can contact Pollination Association of Western Australia President, Peter Mayne, on (08) 9497 1328.

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