

Company Announcement

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CSIRO scientist honoured for contribution to omega-3 canola

Nufarm congratulates CSIRO Plant Oil Engineering Group Leader, Dr Surinder Singh, on his election as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. Dr Singh's election recognises his ground breaking genetic research and contribution to the development of omega-3 canola, the world's first plant-based source of long chain omega-3.

Omega-3 canola has been developed through a collaboration between CSIRO, the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and Nuseed, a subsidiary of Australian company Nufarm. Omega-3 canola provides the essential building blocks for good nutrition and human health with increased DHA (docosahexaenoic acid).

Nuseed Group Executive, Brent Zacharias, congratulated Dr Singh on his induction into the Academy, commenting, "This world-class achievement will help meet the growing global demand for omega-3 while relieving pressure on wild fish stocks. It has been a privilege to work alongside both CSIRO and GRDC in developing this globally important solution".

It is estimated that one hectare of omega-3 canola has the potential to provide the DHA yield from 10,000 kilograms of wild caught fish, which are a major source of this important nutrient.

The first commercial application for omega-3 canola will be a DHA-rich oil for use in the aquaculture market. More than 6,000 hectares of omega-3 were harvested last year with the resulting oil incorporated into fish food for use in large-scale trials currently underway in Chile. Other applications for omega-3 oil, including nutraceutical use, are currently in development.

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