





	Rapeseed	Turnip	Radish
Pests	same	same	same
Diseases	same	same	same
Weedy Volunteers	2-3 yrs	5-10 yrs	10-50 yrs
Annual Acreage	Actual :: 100-300 Proposed :: 2,500	Actual :: ~4,000	Actual :: >10,000
Cross-pollinate with Brassicas	Yes	Yes	No
ODA Oversight	Heavily regulated	Unregulated	Unregulated
Marketing	Commodity	Usually contract	Contract
GMO varieties	Yes	No	No

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Canola is the <u>best</u> rotation crop for grass seed and wheat growers. Why?

- No irrigation required
- Deep tap root breaks soil, mines nutrients
- Easy to control grassy weeds in broadleaf crop
- 10% to 20% yield increase for grass or grain following canola
- Identical planting and harvesting equipment for grass seed or wheat
- Excellent yields: > 3,500 lbs/A average
- Good pricing: \$0.25/lb to \$0.27/lb = > \$875/A
- Commodity crop: paid in 30 days, no contract required
- Multiple buyers for crop
- No hard seed

Isolation, rotation and good management are the safeguards for all seed purity

- No rapeseed production allowed in Rapeseed Exclusion Zone
- So isolation distances are as great or greater than specialty seed association requires
- Contract with ODA required
- Location of all rapeseed fields is public information
- Disease-free seed required
- Two year in five rotation; cannot plant back-to-back
- Growers control volunteers within ¼ mile of fields
- Only 2,500 acres of rapeseed production per year