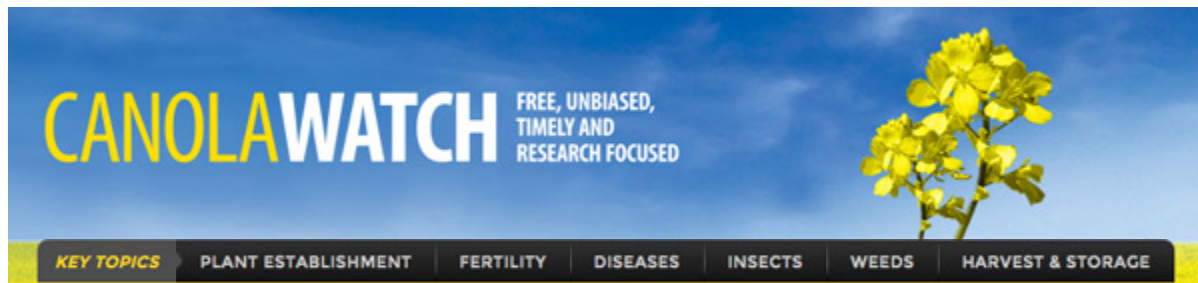


A lot of Western Canadian canola fields have plants and patches with a fairly wide range of stages. As we hurtle toward harvest, should farmers be doing anything special to prepare these fields?



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This may be an extreme case of lateness and unevenness, but leaving uneven fields as long as possible and then swathing them is probably the best approach. Photo Credit: Gregory Sekulic

What to do with uneven fields?

With any approach, the least-mature areas of the field need to be left to mature. Swathing remains the best and least risky option to manage extreme variation in maturity.

As for swath timing, the goal is 60% seed colour change on the main stem, but

wait until the least-mature areas have a degree of colour change on the bottom pods and seeds in the outer branches are no longer mushy and translucent.

If farmers don't want to swath, leaving a pod-shatter tolerant variety to dry-down naturally can be a suitable option. Applying a pre-harvest aid on uneven crop is not ideal for any of the products (diquat, glyphosate, saflufenacil) available for use on canola. [READ MORE](#)

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