

Canola and Mustard XVI-5

Canola and Mustard – Insects

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The Brassica or mustard family contains several plant species including rapeseed, mustard and canola that have been developed as alternative crops. ‘Canola’ is registered by the Western Canadian Oilseed Crushers and designates a group of rapeseed cultivars that have less than 2% erucic acid and less than 30 micromoles of glucosinolates per gram of seed. ‘Edible rapeseed’ grown in the US uses the same standards as canola.

There are two species of Canola or edible rapeseed oilseed crops, Argentinean (*Brassica napus*) and Polish (*B. campestris*) with insect pests that range from those that are present each year including, cabbage aphid and flea beetles, to occasional or emerging pests, diamondback moth and cabbage seedpod weevil, respectively. Brown mustard (*Brassica juncea*) and yellow or white mustard (*Sinapis alba*) are included.

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