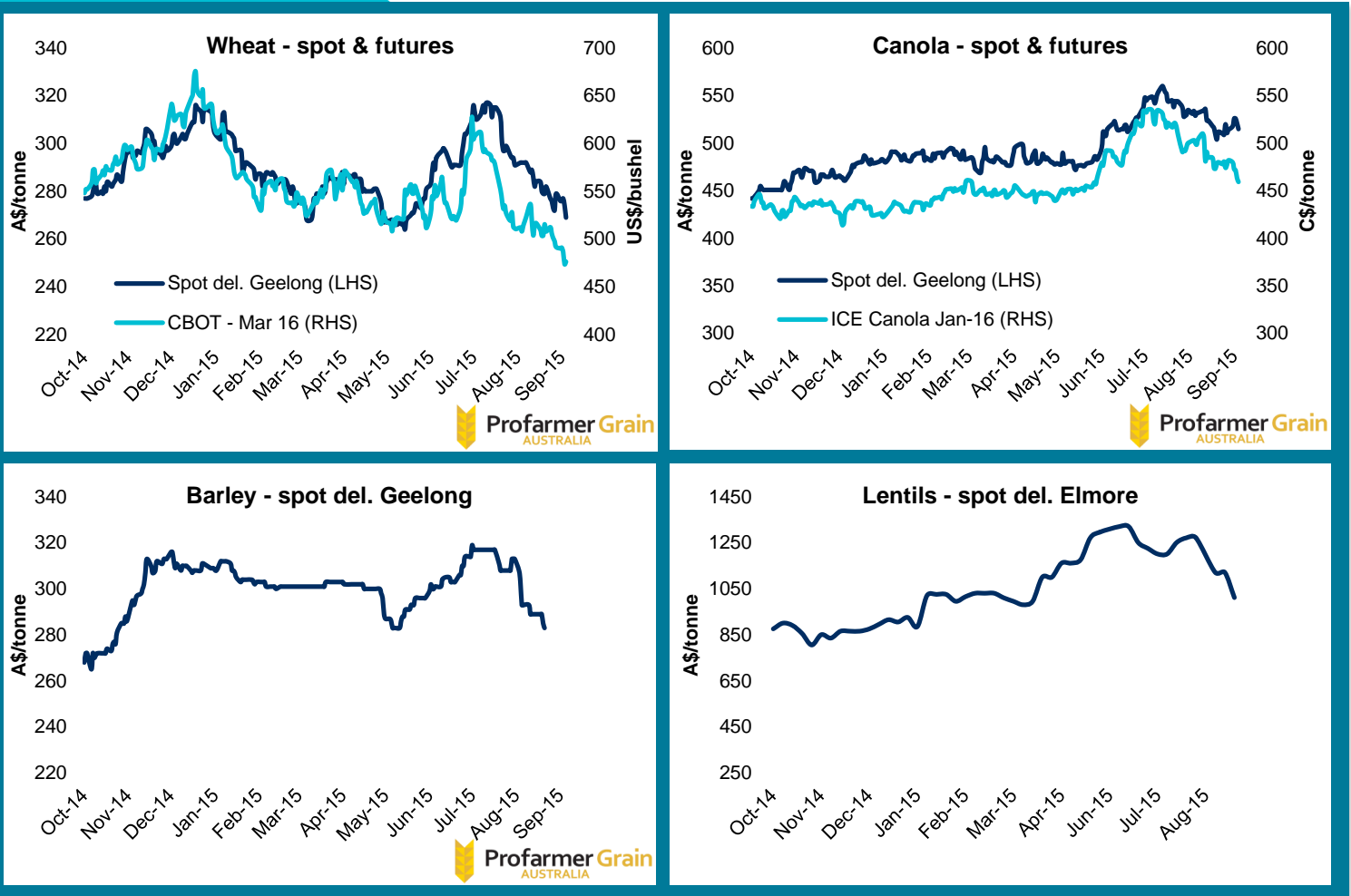


September 2015

- With the beginning of spring, Victoria's grain growers are hoping for rain after a drier than normal August. Some yield potential has already be lost in parts of the Wimmera and Mallee, so good spring rain soon is essential for boosting the prospects of this season's crops.
- World cereal prices have been falling with the expectation of large global production this season. Local prices have followed world prices lower although the declining value of the Australia dollar is providing a small buffer for local prices.

Prices



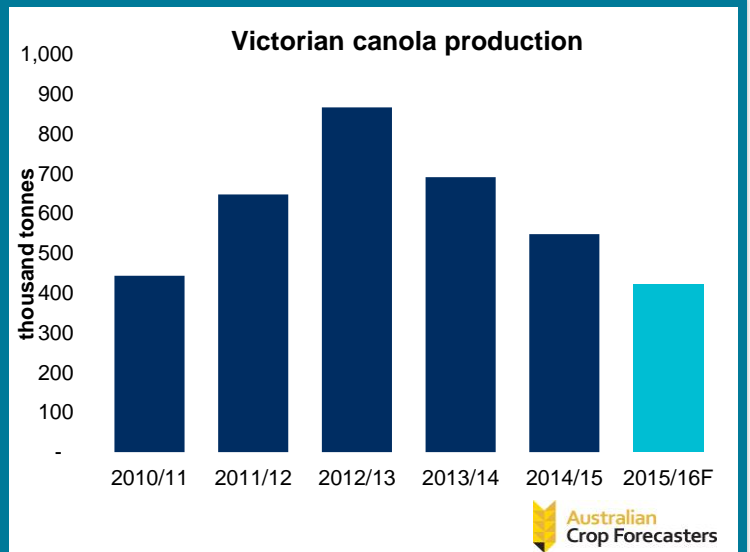
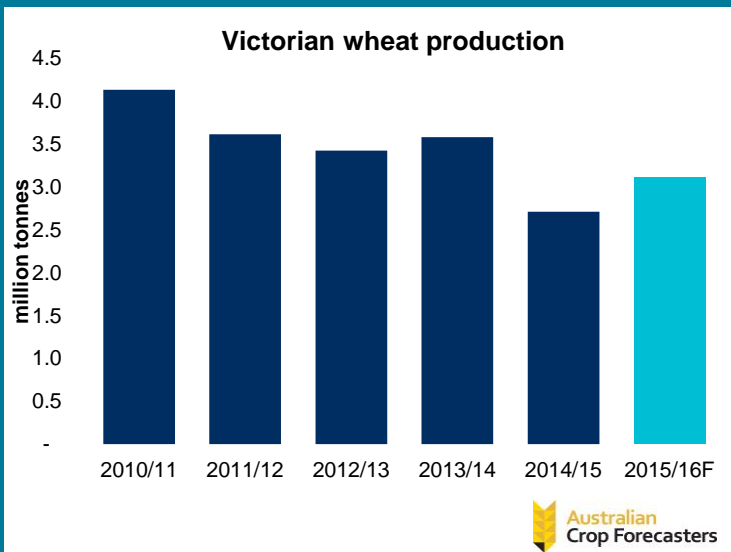
	Current price (Sept 4th)	This time last year	5 year average	80 th percentile	20 th percentile
Wheat (APW1)	\$269	\$272	\$274	\$299	\$245
Canola	\$515	\$418	\$526	\$559	\$486
Barley (GA1)*	\$225	\$250	\$266	\$298	\$246
Lentils*	\$1,012	\$756	\$728	\$990	\$496
AUD / USD	0.69	0.93	0.94	1.04	0.87

Prices are 'delivered Geelong' except lentils which are 'delivered Elmore'.

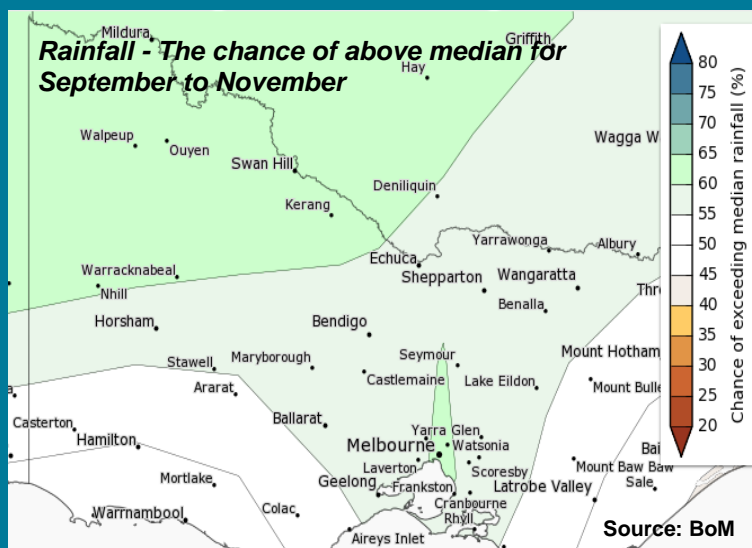
Data source: Profarmer, RBA, Barchart, The Weekly Times

*only 2 years of price data for barley & lentils

Production



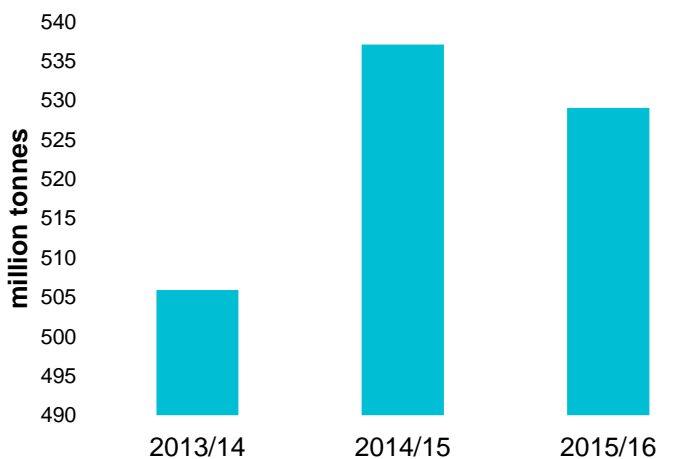
Weather



- August was dry in Victoria's grain growing regions. Rainfall for August was below average in the Mallee and very much below average in the Wimmera.
- The Bureau's forecast for spring is a 50% chance of exceeding the median spring rainfall for much of the state. The Mallee is the exception with a higher chance of a wetter than normal spring.
- The Bureau's ENSO tracker remains locked on an El Niño setting.

Source: BoM

World oilseed production



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