

Mustard 21 Canada Inc. Update

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Minister Ritz announces AAFC support for 'Innovate Mustards' Project

Minister Gerry Ritz recently announced funding of \$4 Million over four years under the Agriculture Agri-Food Canada's "Growing Forward Program" to support Mustard 21 - 'Innovate Mustards' project.

"This investment will help to unlock the potential for mustard seed, finding new ways to use it beyond the hamburger, and expanding markets for our farmers," Ritz said during the Scott Research Station's Centennial celebration, July 16.

This \$4 Million support from AAFC combined with investment from industrial partners will enable Mustard 21 to implement its key strategic priorities to keep Canadian mustard globally competitive. Mustard needs to have higher yielding varieties to compete with other rotational crops, especially in the drier belt of the prairies.

The Innovate Mustards project, managed by Mustard 21, focuses on studying the best technologies available to address four key areas: yield increase; hybrids; herbicide tolerance to manage weeds; and mustard's antimicrobial activity as a food preservative. In addition, the project will develop dedicated industrial oilseed mustard for non-food applications such as bio-lubricants and bio-diesel additives.

Mustard 21 Canada Inc. is a non-profit, industry research and development organization co-ordinating the resources of the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission, the Canadian Mustard Association and other industry stakeholders.

