

GRAIN GAINS

for PORK PRODUCERS

New feed grain varieties developed and selected specifically for pigs through the Pork CRC 'Innovative grain production' Subprogram 1A offer higher yields, superior nutritional characteristics and better agronomic packages than ever before.

Three new grain varieties from Pork CRC plant breeding projects were released for commercial sowing in 2009 and are now available for more extensive release in 2010.

NEW TRITICALE

Berkshire contains about 0.5MJ DE/kg more than the average level of energy in other triticale varieties. **Berkshire** suits pork producing regions in northern Victoria and the NSW Riverina. **Berkshire** is available in a controlled marketing system, involving grain growers, pork producers and feed mills to enable pork producers and grain growers to benefit from its yield and quality advantages. **Berkshire** is also being evaluated in WA and SA.

More information:

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NEW BARLEY

Shepherd has a yield advantage in higher yielding sites in Southern Queensland and northern NSW. **Shepherd** also has a higher DE content than most other barleys and offers more disease resistance to major pathogens of barley in northern Australia.

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NEW FIELD PEA

Maki consistently out-yields existing varieties and is well adapted to northern NSW and south east Queensland. Future trials will identify other pork producing regions where **Maki** has yield advantages over existing varieties. Although there is no official yield data for southern NSW, SA or Victoria, preliminary results indicate **Maki** outperforms other varieties in some of these regions. Meetings between grain growers, pork producers and feed mills in southern Queensland in early 2010 will encourage field pea production there and promote **Maki** as an alternate protein supplement in pig diets.

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