



# Media release

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## Bolt to Rupanyup field day and see Ace new lentils

Lentil production is set to strike a new high with the release of a new early-maturing, erect red lentil named PBA Bolt.

Breeders have also played their cards well to deal out another new high yielding, vigorous and ascochyta blight-resistant variety named PBA Ace.

Both varieties have been bred by Department of Primary Industries' researcher Michael Materne as part of the Pulse Breeding Australia program.

They will be released at the Southern Pulse Agronomy Field Day at Rupanyup on November 1.

Organiser and DPI senior pulse agronomy researcher Jason Brand said the day would provide an ideal opportunity to see new and existing pulse varieties all growing in the one paddock.

"I am very excited about the new varieties Bolt and Ace and believe the field day will not only showcase them but also highlight emerging and previously released pulses," Dr Brand said

"Bolt is resistant to seed ascochyta blight and has similar salt and boron tolerance to PBA Flash.

"It is also resistant to lodging and has the best combination of pod drop and shattering resistance among all varieties..

"Ace will live up to its name as the highest yielding red lentil available and features excellent ascochyta blight resistance.

"Visitors to last year's field day would remember seeing Ace as it was taller than all other plots. The good news is that Ace is suited to all lentil growing regions."

Both new varieties being launched at Rupanyup will be available through PB Seeds.

Dr Brand said the Rupanyup field day would provide the latest on lentil, chickpea, field pea and faba bean varieties and agronomy.

"There will be information about herbicide and heat tolerance in lentils, including the latest results on the performance of 2011 release PBA Herald XT and a sneak peak at Herald's high-yielding son to be released in 2013.

“Speakers will talk about sowing dates, residue management and interactions with disease and herbicides, as well as market opportunities for the new pulses.”

The field day site is about 2km north of Rupanyup on the Stawell-Warracknabeal Road and will start at 9.30am.

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