

Canola harvest with a pusher

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- Irrigated winter canola



Tractor and combine tires align with dividers on pusher



Wheels on pusher allow for height adjustment



Timing of pushing canola is typically earlier than swathing - when the stalks are still green, at least two to three weeks before harvest.





After pushing, the canola is tightly intertwined, which essentially eliminates shattering even during high winds.



Canola stalks are bent, but not usually broken, when pushing is done while the crop is still green. This allows the canola to pull moisture from the bent stalks to finish ripening.

YIELD RESULTS

2008 – DKW 1362RR 3140 lbs/acre

2008 – DKW 1369RR 1410 lbs/acre

Yield difference may be due to different planting dates

2009 – Croplan 107WR2RR 1870 lbs/acre

2010 – Camas RR 2350 lbs/acre (direct-harvested)
- short, great yield despite wind damage