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### **Durum Classification confirmed for CAPAROI wheat in Southern & Central NSW**

Seednet is pleased to announce that the wheat variety, Caparoi, has been confirmed by Wheat Quality Australia with a Durum Classification for the regions of southern NSW and central NSW. This is a development further to Caparoi's existing Durum Classifications in Queensland, northern NSW, South Australia and Western Australia.

Caparoi durum wheat is a high yielding variety that is tolerant to lodging, is early maturing and is well suited for irrigated production in southern and central NSW. The relative early maturity of Caparoi could help reduce the irrigation requirement of durum wheat production in the regions and this could be a significant advantage for growers.

Caparoi was bred by former NSW DPI durum breeder, Ray Hare and according to current NSW DPI durum breeder, Dr Gururaj Kadkol, Caparoi is a widely adapted durum variety. Dr Mike Sissons from NSW DPI Tamworth, has found that Caparoi grain is of acceptable quality for the APDR grade when grown under irrigation, but like all varieties, irrigation has the potential to result in a lower percentage of Hard-Vitreous Kernal than dry-land production, so nitrogen management is important to maximise quality.

Dr Andrew Milgate of NSW DPI Wagga Wagga, evaluated Caparoi in irrigated wheat trials under GRDC project no. ICF00007. Dr Milgate comments that "Caparoi has consistently performed in irrigated conditions and has yielded equivalent to existing variety EGA Bellaroi." Dr Milgate also suggests that Caparoi has lodging resistance at least equivalent to EGA Bellaroi, making it a genetically diverse and suitable alternative for high quality durum production in southern and central NSW.

The tradition of naming NSW DPI bred durum cultivars after their well defined pasta market continues with Caparoi as the name Caparoi is derived from the Italian word "*Capo*" which means '*Leader*' or '*Boss*'.

Quality assured Caparoi durum wheat seed is available from seed retailers, via the Seednet Partner network. Visit the Seednet website, [www.seednet.com.au](http://www.seednet.com.au) for technical information on the variety and for Seednet Partner locations and contact details.

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