



📷 A perfect start: Michael Mullane, of Breakoday, prepares to sow canola. Picture: Dale Webster

Cropping

Rain provides near-perfect start for Elmore grain grower

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MICHAEL Mullane, of Breakoday, near Elmore, reckons he has had a near-perfect start to the winter cropping season.

Sitting about halfway through his program, Mr Mullane said 42mm of rain between Saturday and Monday after 30mm the weekend before was ideal.

“We just need the sun to come out now so it will dry out just enough for us to be able to

put some more crop in,” he said. “We’ll have to (sow) a bit longer at night now — it will probably take another 10 days to finish.”

Using mostly a direct drill system with tynes, Mr Mullane expected to be sowing again by today or tomorrow with about 400ha of wheat, barley and canola to go.

His cropping land stretches from Kamarooka to Corop. He said canola that was dry sown at the end of April has already struck and is out of the ground.

“It’s been perfect for it,” he said.

“It’s very much different to last year at the moment.

“Everything is looking rosy, it’s really good.”