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Flax Council of Canada Urges Producers to Declare Unlicensed Flax Varieties

Winnipeg, Manitoba (January 28, 2014) - The Flax Council of Canada is reminding producers that unlicensed flax varieties must be declared upon delivery into the commercial system and can receive only the lowest official grade of No. 3 Canada Western. Unlicensed varieties also have an increased chance of testing positive for Triffid.

CDC Mons and CDC Normandy were deregistered August 1st, 2013.

The Flax Council is asking growers who have existing stocks of any unlicensed varieties including CDC Mons and CDC Normandy to contact the Flax Council of Canada to discuss marketing opportunities and asks that these varieties not be grown in the future.

The Flax Council of Canada is working with the flax industry and producers to eliminate Triffid from the Canadian flax crop through the reconstitution of certain CDC varieties and the encouragement of the use of pedigree seed in 2014.

All flax production should be tested for Triffid prior to delivery. Funding for testing under the Farm Stewardship Program ends February 28, 2014.

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