

Start fresh

with your flax this year

Producers, grain companies, processors and others in the industry have been working diligently over the last four years with stringent testing and monitoring protocols to remove Triffid, a genetically modified variety, from the seed supply in Canada. The next step is to use Triffid-free planting seed this spring.



Re-constituted Flax Seed

To ensure a Triffid-free seed supply and to instill greater confidence, the University of Saskatchewan's Crop Development Centre (CDC) has reconstituted their varieties. Other varieties never showed detections in their breeder seed. All pedigree seed is required to test negative for Triffid.

Four varieties have been reconstituted in partnership with SeCan: CDC Bethune, CDC Sorrel, CDC Sanctuary and CDC Glas. Strict protocols were followed in the production of this seed specifically so that planting seed will be free of Triffid. To find re-constituted flax seed, visit www.secan.com.

Use Certified Flax Seed

Certified seed is the most reliable and highest quality source of planting seed for flax growers. Using certified seed this spring will be more important than ever because of the need to 'start from zero' with our planting seed in order to restore access to markets and confidence in the Canadian flax supply. To find Certified flax seed, see:

www.cpsagu.com

www.viterra.com

www.seedlocator.net

Keep testing

Since first being detected in 2009, the flax industry with the financial support of Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, have worked diligently to test all flaxseed. The participation of prairie farmers in the Flax Farm Stewardship Program has been instrumental in reducing the incidence of Triffid and has been a cornerstone to the industry's efforts in restoring confidence in the EU marketplace.

Producers are asked to continue testing harvested flax seed for the presence of Triffid. It is recommended that one sample can cover up to 5000 bushels if the crop was seeded from the same seed source and the entire field has the same recent cropping history. A description of sampling procedures can be found on the Flax Council's website. Please note that some flax buyers will only accept test results from certain labs. Check with the Flax Council for the complete list of approved testing labs: www.flaxcouncil.ca

Funding for the Flax Farm Stewardship testing program will continue until February 28, 2014 or until existing funds are expended. After this, the cost of the Triffid test will be fully borne by the producer.



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