



# FLAX COUNCIL OF CANADA

## Message to Producers

### Flax Sampling

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The discovery of Triffid in the Canadian flax seed crop this past summer has been devastating to the Canadian industry as well as to our long time customers in the EU. If the Canadian flax industry is to survive and once again prosper, every conceivable effort must be made to locate and eradicate all sources of this contamination.

This will be the first of a series of messages to producers to assist them in working with the industry to solve this problem.

The first step will be to ensure that you take and keep a representative sample of your flax crop as it goes into each storage bin. We recommend you follow grain company suggested sampling methods for both binning and binned grain. Also, the following link will provide you with information from the Canadian Grain Commission on taking a representative sample of flax:

<http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/guides-guides/rs-er/trs-per-eng.htm>.

In the next few days, we will be providing you with instructions as to how and where you can get your samples tested to determine whether or not it may be positive for Triffid.

If you discover you have Triffid in your flax, please understand the industry is committed to assisting you in moving this seed into a market that will accept it without penalty.

The farm community and the trade need to work together to ensure once and for all that Triffid does not reappear in Canadian flax shipments.