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SaskFlax Welcomes Flax Agronomist to the Team

February 12, 2018 – As of today, the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission (SaskFlax) staff has grown by one. We are pleased to welcome Michelle Beath to the team, in the position of Flax Agronomist.

“Having a Flax Agronomist will be hugely beneficial to our organization and to flax producers,” says Wayne Thompson, Executive Director for SaskFlax. “Michelle will be able to help us identify, address, and direct research towards the major production issues for growing flax. She will also be able to communicate the most up-to-date flax agronomy information and management practice knowledge with producers, to help us meet our overall goal of building a strong and competitive flax industry.”

Michelle has a strong background in agriculture, agronomy and flax. After growing up on an acreage in Bruce County, Ontario, she obtained a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Plant Biology and a Master’s of Science degree in Plant Breeding/Biotechnology from the University of Guelph.

Her plant breeding career began with a summer job with Pioneer Hi-Bred in 1995 and has extended across the globe to Perth, Australia where, while completing her Master’s degree, she spent a few months working with the University of Western Australia’s canola breeder. In 2002, she took a position as an Oilseed Breeding Technician with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Since then, she has worked as a Field Biologist and an Event Analysis and Advancement Manager for Performance Plants, as well as an Assistant Canola Breeder for Dow AgroSciences.

Michelle made the move to the flax world in 2012, when she became the Flax Breeder at Crop Production Services (CPS) in Saskatoon. She transitioned into a Napus Inbred Breeder position in 2015 upon the cancellation of the CPS flax breeding program.

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SaskFlax represents approximately 6,600 flax producers in Saskatchewan with a mission to lead, promote, and enhance the production, value-added processing and utilization of Saskatchewan flax.