



Photo Wayne Thompson

## Looking Back

**Linda Braun** Retiring Executive Director

It's hard to believe that it has been 18 years since that first interview with SaskFlax. The Commission, formed April 1996, had been operational under Don Jaques until June 1997 when Don lost his life in a traffic accident. Food Focus was contracted that October to provide for the collection, coordination of the check-off and management of the day to day business of the Commission.

The first order of business was to create our corporate identity and establish the "store front" office at A5A - 116-103rd Street East, Saskatoon.

The logo tells a story. The bright and lively crown of the flax sheaf represents the coming together of the registered producers into a solid organization. The stalks of the plant positioned in a woven manner, represent fiber based products as well as the close interaction between members. The boll of the plant, made of three droplets represents oil based products as well as the overlapping areas of production, research and marketing.

Our mission and vision have remained relatively stable as have our fars of focus – food, feed and fiber. Commission strategic plans have and continue to incorporate research, communication and market facilitation priorities. Building partnerships have also been a constant throughout the Commission's history. The overarching purpose was and is to provide for the orderly and effective development of the province's flax industry and increase net returns to registered producers.

I have been privileged to work with exceptional flax producers to develop and sustain the provincial flax industry. Several efforts that stand out in my mind include:

- The "Everything Flax" cookbook, the first Canadian flax cookbook featuring recipes and photography.
- The "Essential Flax" – A compilation of diet reference information, facts, folklore, recipes and research written by Lee Pengilly, a colleague and friend whose passion for flax rivalled my own. ●●●

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### **October 10, 2014**

Deadline to submit nomination form for SaskFlax Board of Directors  
[www.saskflax.com](http://www.saskflax.com)

#### **November 24-29, 2014**

Canadian Western Agribition  
Evraz Place, Regina  
[www.agribition.com](http://www.agribition.com)

#### **January 10-17, 2015**

Crop Production Week  
[www.cropweek.com](http://www.cropweek.com)

#### **January 12, 2015**

SaskFlax AGM  
TCU Place

#### **January 12-15, 2015**

Western Canadian Crop Production Show  
PrairieLand Park, Saskatoon  
[www.cropproductiononline.com](http://www.cropproductiononline.com)

#### **January 13-14, 2015**

CropSphere Conference for Growers  
TCU Place, Saskatoon  
[www.cropsphere.com](http://www.cropsphere.com)



**SaskFlax**



**Linda Braun**  
Retiring Executive Director  
Saskatchewan  
Flax Development  
Commission

••• •“Fiber Foundation – Transportation, Clothing and Shelter in the Bioeconomy” International Conference for Flax and Other Bast Plants”. This FAO/EscoRNA conference, a partnership with the Institute of Natural Fibers Poland was the first for North America and attracted 133 delegates from 18 countries (2008).

• Funding has always been a challenge! Over the course of my time at SaskFlax we have been able to leverage over \$2.6 M for research and development activities in the areas of food and fiber and to a lesser extent, feed.

• Since its inception, SaskFlax has taken the team approach to research and development with allied industry partners like the Flax Council of Canada and the Manitoba Flax Growers Association. Significant projects included Flax Canada 2015, Natural Ag-Fibers for the Green Economy (NAFGEN) and currently, the Growing Forward 2 Ag Research (Flax Council lead) and Healthyflax.org a food promotional communications campaign.

• The Triffid event that rocked the Canadian flax industry is a prime example of cooperation and collaboration. All sectors of the value chain worked very hard to resolve the issues and move the industry forward. A job well done!

• Sometimes it’s important to recognize and celebrate success and I have been pleased to work with our oilseed partners (canola and mustard) to celebrate the economic value of our crops to Saskatchewan’s economy, via the Tee Up for Agriculture Oilseed Golf Classic. It’s a great way to meet other producers and industry supporters and give to Agriculture in the Classroom at the same time. Watch for the annual event and consider golfing in 2015!

• Industry development and growth is always a joint venture. It has been a pleasure to work with governments, academia, industry associations, experts and consultants to always put flax first.

Over the course of my flax career, I have worked with Directors who are diligent, patient, and risk takers who work tirelessly for Saskatchewan’s flax industry.

Most important are you, the flax growers who acknowledge the importance of research development and commit to its execution through your check-off dollars.

Thank you for the opportunity of being one of the partners in the exciting “Field of Flax.”



**Wayne Thompson**  
Executive Director  
Saskatchewan  
Flax Development  
Commission

## Looking Ahead

**Wayne Thompson** Executive Director


In 2014 there have been many positive developments for the flax industry in Canada. In January Health Canada accepted the health claim for ground flaxseed. In the spring the planting intentions of Canadian flax producers was for an estimated 1.57 million acres, although that estimate would now be high for the acres that are expected to be harvested. The flax acres estimated to be planted in 2014 increased significantly from 2013 across Western Canada. Hopefully harvest will see good production coming off the fields. This increase may be the start of a growth phase for flax production with support from an increased demand for flaxseed. The positive moves for the flax industry in 2014 should lead to much excitement for the flax industry.

As SaskFlax looks forward, the strategy of the organization is to take advantage of the upswing in flax production and markets. SaskFlax will dig deeper into market development by exploring new opportunities for flax in the human food market based on the health claim. This will mean building upon the current relationships and developing new ones with food processors and others for the benefit of flax growers. The SaskFlax Directors have been working with the Flax Council of Canada, Manitoba Flax Growers Association and other organizations like the Western Grains Research Foundation to renew agronomic research capacity and projects. There is a need to renew the agronomic research for flax and by working together the organizations will develop a strategy for Western Canada that will provide good information for flax production in a grower’s rotation. The push to develop a strong fiber industry in Western Canada will continue to be a strategic pillar for SaskFlax.

SaskFlax will continue to work hard for flax growers. The initiative such as the Northern Adapted Flax Variety Development research is expected to result in new flax varieties. This will create opportunities for farmers that have traditionally been outside the flax growing region to include flax in their crop rotation.

Finally, please let me introduce myself as the new Executive Director at SaskFlax. I am from a grain and hog farm at Carnduff, Saskatchewan.



- I received my education at the University of Saskatchewan completing my Master's as an Agricultural Economist. Leading up to arriving at SaskFlax I have worked in the oilfield, with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture in the Policy Branch, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association and most recently at the Western Grains Research Foundation as a Research Program Manager. It will be a pleasure working for flax growers and the industry over the coming years. 

## Health Claim

Last October, the Canadian Flax Industry received official notification that the flax health claim was accepted. This claim is one of only ten currently allowed in Canada for foods and ingredients because of the significant rigour placed upon the scientific criteria demanded by Health Canada.

The Canadian Flax Industry (Flax Council of Canada, Manitoba Flax Growers and Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission) collaborated and cooperated, and with CAAP funding, developed the Communications Strategy for the promotion of the flax health claim in North America.

The strategy targets food media/food professionals; health professionals, food manufacturers and ingredient suppliers; consumers, producers and processors/exporters. Key campaign messages: Flax is healthy, Flax is easy to use and Flax is consumer friendly.


Healthyflax.org will be the place to go for up to date information from nutrition to the utilization of Canadian flax. This resource will be a valuable tool for health and food professionals, flax handlers and suppliers and most of all, the consuming public.

The Canadian Flax Industry has, since January 2014 (the first official announcement), collaborated to showcase key messaging to Dieticians of Canada in Ottawa and the Institute of Food Technologists in New Orleans. Target audiences included health and nutrition professionals and food technologists. By educating health and wellness professionals as well as food professionals about flax's role in a

healthy lifestyle, a demand pull is created for flax consumption.

The Healthyflax Team continues to develop programs and resource materials for Canadian and U.S. food and health professionals. The awareness that the health claim will create in the marketplace will bring new opportunities for flax stakeholders.

The acceptance of the flaxseed cholesterol relationship by such a well-respected agency as Health Canada provides support for the remarkable potential of flaxseed in health and wellness. This claim will not only help to build Canadian markets, but will have far reaching effects for other markets like the United States and China where much flax is required for human consumption markets.

Healthyflax.org is an industry owned and operated approach to creating awareness of flax benefits among our customers therefore we all benefit from the flax advantage in terms of better health, improved productivity and lowered health care costs. 

### Attendees at both events learned that:

- 5 tbsp. (tablespoons) of ground flax (40 g) consumed daily (can be over 3 intakes) helps lower cholesterol. 16 g (2 tbsp.) ground flaxseed supplies 40% of the daily amount shown to lower cholesterol
- Canadian flax is quality flax
- Canadian suppliers of flax and flax products are ready, willing, able and qualified to meet customer demand



healthyflax.org



## SaskFlax Registered Buyer List

The following companies are registered to collect the flax check-off and have agreed to have their company names listed in the communicate.

### 1309497 Ltd.

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info@agricom.com

### AgriTel Grain Ltd.

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### Agrocorp Holdings International Inc.

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team@agrocorp.ca

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business@bioriginal.com

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### Bunge Canada

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204.773.3077 (F)  
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Vancouver, BC  
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### Delmar Commodities Ltd.

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204.331.3704 (F)  
info@delmarcommodities.com

### Diefenbaker Seed Processors Ltd.

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### Fill-More Seeds Inc.

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306.722.3353  
306.722.3328 (F)  
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### Goals Marketing Inc.

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### Grain Millers Canada Corp

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### Grain Millers, Inc.

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952.942.9649 (F)  
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### Linear Grain Inc.

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204.947.2386 (F)  
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### Petracek Commodities Ltd.

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### Simpson Seeds Inc.

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## Dave Sefton inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame

On August 2, 2014, Dave Sefton was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. SaskCanola, SaskFlax and the Western Grains Research Foundation were pleased to nominate Dave and excited about his induction into the Ag Hall of Fame.

*"Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in Actions" (Harold S. Green 1910-1997) was the quote chosen to introduce Dave to the Hall of Fame, simply because leadership, stewardship of land and sustainability of community are strongly etched in Dave.*

Here's a sampling of what farm leaders said about Dave:

"Dave is well known and highly respected in western Canadian Agriculture and has given much of his time to create a more profitable and sustainable agriculture sector for Saskatchewan farmers."

"Dave has a comprehensive knowledge of the industry and the issues that farmers face

to remain competitive in a global marketplace which he uses to make very astute statements or ask probing questions of speakers whenever farm meetings occur."

"To be sure, David Sefton played a very important role by communicating the various points of view not only to SWP and SCGA members but to the larger Canadian agricultural community."

"Dave is an honest, hardworking, dedicated individual in trying to make agriculture better for everyone."

"While performing an active role in many agricultural groups, Dave is still very much involved with the family farm. Many hours in the tractor have been spent while on conference calls involving farm policy."

"I have always admired that Dave always had the best interests of Saskatchewan producers at heart in any of his comments which is a remarkable quality and I applaud him for that."

Well done Dave!



**Dave Sefton, Inductee**  
Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame

*"Dave is a leader, a friend, a member, a realist, a futurist and above all, a farmer."*

## Bill Greuel


**Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture,  
Executive Director of Crops Branch**

Bill Greuel was raised on a farm in the Bruno, Saskatchewan area. After attending the University of Saskatchewan, he joined Zeneca Seeds as the Product Development Manager helping to bring hybrid canola to western Canada and Latin America.

In 1998, Bill joined the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture as the Oilseed and Transgenic Crop Specialist, a role in which he served for six years. He then moved to become the Manager of Research and Development, working to help administer the Agriculture Development Fund.

In 2008, Bill joined BASF Canada, where he held several roles including Clearfield Intellectual Property Manager, Clearfield Business Manager and most recently, Market Manager for Functional Crop Care; BASF's seed treatment and inoculant business.

In July of 2014, Bill rejoined the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture as the Executive Director of the Crops and Irrigation Branch.

Bill lives in Regina with his spouse Jodi and their three children, Jacob, Noah and Madelyn. 

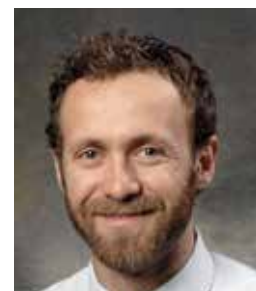
## Zafer Bashi

**Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture,  
Provincial Oilseeds Specialist**

Zafer Bashi is the new Provincial Specialist, Oilseed Crops. Zafer holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from the University of Saskatchewan and a MBA from the Edwards School of Business. Zafer worked with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for four years where, in partnership with SaskCanola, he worked on a project focused on sclerotinia control in Canola. Most recently Zafer has worked as a Technology Transfer Officer with the Industry Liaison Office, University of Saskatchewan. 



**Bill Greuel**  
Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture,  
Executive Director of Crops Branch



**Zafer Bashi**  
Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Provincial Oilseeds Specialist



*“Leadership is  
the capacity to  
translate vision  
into reality.”*

Warren G. Bennis

## Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission Seeking Directors

Producers who have sold flax within Saskatchewan in the past two years, paid the levy and have not requested it back are eligible to run for office.

The nomination form must be signed by three registered producers. You can call the office to confirm their registration status. Your completed form plus your biography must be received by Noon, Friday, October 10, 2014. Forward to the Returning Officer as listed at the bottom of the form.

In your biography, please briefly describe what you would like to accomplish during your term as a director on the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission and on what activities you would like to see the Commission concentrate its energies. Please also outline your reasons for wanting to be a director.

Optional information about yourself might include details of your farming operation (crops grown, acres seeded, livestock) and other organizations you belong to; your education, spouse’s name and number of children and ages; sports/hobbies, etc.

*Note: Only registered producers may nominate, vote or hold office. If your levy is collected under a company name, contact us at 306.664.1901 or [saskflax@saskflax.com](mailto:saskflax@saskflax.com) to designate your company representative.*

An election will be called in the event that 4 or more nominations are received. The election would be by mail ballot with a ballot return deadline of 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2014. There are two, three year terms and one, two year term to be filled.

Should you have questions about director roles and responsibilities, please contact the office or any director.

In the case of an acclamation of directors, the date of submission of the nomination form will determine the length of the term. The first two nomination received will be for three year terms and the third nomination received for the two year term.

In the case of an election of directors, the two nominees with the most votes will fill the three year terms and the nominee with the third most votes will be elected for a two year term. ♡

## SaskFlax Annual General Meeting

On **January 12, 2015** SaskFlax will hold the 18th Annual General Meeting as part of CropSphere.

The meeting will be at 4:00pm at the TCU Place in Saskatoon. The meeting provides an opportunity for registered members to review Commission activities and operations for the past fiscal year of 2013/14.



**January 13 and 14, 2015**

TCU Place  
35 – 22nd Street East  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Registration opens October 1, 2014

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## NOMINATION FORM FOR DIRECTOR

### SASKATCHEWAN FLAX DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

\_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Town Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Facsimile

**Sign Here...**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Nominee Date

I nominate the above flax producer as a candidate for election as a Director of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission.

**Sign Here....**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Registered Producer 1** (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Print Name Telephone/Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Town Postal Code

**Sign Here...**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Registered Producer 2** (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Print Name Telephone/Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Town Postal Code

**Sign Here...**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Registered Producer 3** (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Print Name Telephone/Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Town Postal Code


In accordance with the Saskatchewan Flax Development Plan Regulations, I, the undersigned, hereby submit my name as a candidate for election to a seat on the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission. I have sold flax within Saskatchewan in the past two years, paid the levy required and have not requested levy rebate for the same period pursuant to the Saskatchewan Flax Development Plan Regulations.

**Returning Officer**

c/o Agriculture Council  
 of Saskatchewan  
 104 – 411 Downey Road  
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
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 Fax: 306.975.6850

**AAFC LLP Consultation Report**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) recently released a report, "Proposed Domestic Policy and Implementation Framework on the Management of Low-Level Presence (LLP) of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops in Imports."

The report is based on the consultation process that took place between November 6, 2012 and January 19, 2013. The report found a diversity of positions for a policy on the unintended presence of GM crops in grain shipments. Several sectors of agriculture supported the development of an LLP policy to allow a Threshold Level for more predictable trade. In the report the organic sector strongly supports a zero tolerance policy to maintain export opportunities. The results of the consultation will be used to further develop an LLP policy for Canada. The report is available by contacting AAFC. 



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SaskFlax was established in 1996 and represents almost 6,000 registered flax producers in Saskatchewan. Directed by flax growers, SaskFlax operates via a mandatory but refundable producer levy on flaxseed and straw. These dollars are leveraged whenever possible to execute programs ultimately geared to increase net returns to its grower members and advance Saskatchewan's flax industry.

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