



# Saskatchewan flax Grower



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Commission*

#### *Our Mission*

*"To lead, promote,  
and enhance the  
production,  
value-added  
processing and  
utilization of  
Saskatchewan flax."*

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#### **Chair's Report**

I hope this message finds harvest has treated everyone well.

I want to update you on the registration for Kochia control in flax. Some of us have tremendous need! Sulfentrazone was approved for use in chickpea, but not flax. We understand the product manufacturer is asking for our support. We will try again!

The FAO Flax and Other Bast Plants Conference July 21 to 24th in Saskatoon was a big success. One hundred thirty three (133) participants from 18 countries around the world attended and/or presented papers. This was the first time it was held in North America and we were very pleased to host the event. Congrats to Linda, Penny Eaton and all the workers for a job well done! Along with this, thanks to the Ackerman's from Chamberlain for hosting 50 people from 15 countries at their farm and showing what Saskatchewan farming is about. Gracious!

Thanks also goes to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture for having faith in our hope for a world class place for research on flax and flax fiber. They have filled the positions of Bioproducts Specialist – Glenn Payne. More recently that of Venkata Vakulabharanam as

Oilseed Specialist. Patient waiting and gentle prodding have been rewarded!

We would like to remind producers that their money allows us to be involved in leveraging other money for research, etc., sometimes dollar for dollar and sometimes more than double producer dollars. This past year we worked with such agencies as ACAAFS (Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Saskatchewan); CAFI (Canadian Agri-Food Initiative) and the AEGP (Ag Environmental Group Plan). These agencies allowed us to host conferences and workshops related to flax fiber industry development and promote Canadian flax seed to our neighbours south of us and other global buyers. As well, we worked with the Crop Development Centre and Dr. Rowland on flax breeding programs where NSERC matched our dollars.

This will be my last Chair report. My term is soon over. We need you to come forward for the board election so your Commission can continue its excellent work on your behalf.

Allen Kuhlmann  
Chair

#### **Up Coming Events**

##### **November 12 to 14, 2008**

From Fields & Forests to Markets  
Biofibre 08 Conference & Exhibition  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

##### **November 14 to 16, 2008**

Saskatchewan inDemand  
PrairieLand Exhibition Park  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

##### **January 12, 2009**

"Sharpening that Competitive Edge"  
Annual General Meeting/Flax Day Update  
Ballroom C, Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon,  
Saskatchewan

##### **January 10 to 17, 2009**

Crop Production Week  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
See the Crop Production Week web site for  
Crop Production Week programs at  
[www.cropweek.com](http://www.cropweek.com)

##### **2009**

International Year of Natural Fibers  
As proclaimed by the Food and Agriculture  
Organization (FAO) of the United Nations



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## 2009 International Conference on Flax and Other Bast Plants Overview

*(Please note: Many conference presentations are available online at [www.flaxbast.com](http://www.flaxbast.com) and Conference Proceedings papers will soon be made available on the FlaxBast and SaskFlax websites.*

After days, weeks, months and at least a couple of years of planning, the 2008 International Conference on Flax and Other Bast Plants became a reality in Saskatoon from July 21st to July 23rd with a post conference tour on July 24th. This was the first time the conference was hosted in North America and it was a tremendous compliment to the SaskFlax Commission, Executive Director and Crop Fibers Canada to be chosen to do so.

Flax/Bast Coordinator, Penny Eaton and her team worked tirelessly to fine tune the details and by all accounts the Conference received very positive comments and feedback. Participants from eighteen countries arrived in Saskatoon, with some delegations arriving much earlier and were graciously received and toured by Alvin Ulrich of Crop Fibers Canada.

The official conference began with a bus trip from Saskatoon's host hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, to Wanuskewin Heritage Park. At the park, participants had the option of going on one of the guided tours. Returning to the reception area, guests were welcomed by His Worship, Don Atchison – Mayor of Saskatoon, Allen Kuhlmann – Chairman of Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission, Professor Doctor Ryzard Kozlowski – Director of the Institute of Natural Fibres in Poznan, Poland and the Coordinator of the FAO/SCORENA European Cooperative Research Network on Flax and Other Bast Plants and Mr. Adrien Pilon brought greetings from The National Research Council of Canada.

Mother Nature was particularly kind and we were able to have our welcoming greetings outside in "The Land of Living Skies." A troupe of Aboriginal Drummers began the evening entertainment followed by the skillful and very talented hoop dancer and teacher, Lorin Gardypie. During the stand-up reception, guests feasted on unique dishes featuring traditional ingredients such as bison, bannock and Saskatoon berries, and interacted with Aboriginal artisans.

Linda Braun began the first day of the conference by welcoming all conference



Top: Roy Dodd (US), Sean McKay, Allen Sturko (Canada)

Bottom: Delegates tour Crop Fibers Canada with guide Randy Cowan

participants, thanking the Host Committee, Scientific Committee, Coordination Team and introducing the Board of SaskFlax. Prof. Dr. Kozlowski followed with his own personal welcome and brought greetings from the FAO/SCORENA European Cooperative Research Network as well as the Institute of Natural Fibres. Mr. Rick Burton, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture in the Province, represented the Government of Saskatchewan. He set the tone for the conference by congratulating SaskFlax on their efforts to bring this conference to Canada adding, "Saskatchewan has set for itself the goal of becoming a world leader in agricultural research and development. This conference is a major step in cementing our international scientific reputation."

With that lead, there was no better way to follow up than with a keynote address from John Cross – well known for his work as a founding partner, President, CEO and Chairman of Philom Bios Inc. After receiving questions from the floor, the group broke for refreshments and one of several opportunities to peruse the poster presentations. The posters were an extremely important component of the Conference and participants were encouraged to take every opportunity to review them and dialogue with the researchers.

The morning concluded with the first of the concurrent sessions. The sessions were grouped around conference themes with the first set highlighting Breeding, Agronomy and Composites. Opportunities were provided to feature every player along the value chain.



Poster session networking.

Penny Eaton, Conference Coordinator

Venkata Vakulabhoranam, Ron Kehrig

The afternoon of Day One began with a keynote presentation from Dr. Prof. Kozlowski entitled, "State-of-the Art Developments in Fibrous Plant Breeding, Production and Application," followed by a question/answer session. Participants then proceeded to the next series of concurrent sessions under the topics of Breeding, Composites and Processing/Biotechnology. A refreshment break in concert with a poster session rounded out the day's formal activities.

After a brief break, buses were boarded to transport partakers to the Western Development Museum for the Industry Showcase and Reception. The time there began with a tour of the museum and industry displays. Saskatchewan artisans were on site, Madelaine Walker (Fibreline) demonstrating her spinning expertise with Saskatchewan raised flax fibre, and Marie Saretsky (Flowers of Dellwood Creek) showcasing through display and demonstration, many of the fibre products she has created.

After cocktails and our Flax Feast dinner (mint and green pea soup shooters, flax-coated goat cheese and apple salad, flax encrusted chicken with bourbon, flax pilaf, black pepper phyllo shards) and Saskatoon pie for dessert, Lee Pengilly, spoke on the Legends and Lore of Flax. Prior to re-boarding the buses, the Happy Wanderers Square Dance Club entertained all who wanted to participate.

Day Two opened with a keynote presentation from Greg Stephens, Vice-President of Strategic Consulting for the National Marketing Institute (NMI). His presentation concentrated on the type of consumer who would be interested in purchasing "natural" fiber products inferring the commonalities

they would have with those interested in natural foods.

Topics for Concurrent Sessions included Co-Products, Processing, Textiles and following the refreshment break/poster session, Composites, Co-Products and Textiles. After lunch, participants had opportunities for further learning with a variety of off-site conference tours including Crop Fibers Canada, the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) Flax Research Plots; and the U of S Bioresource Engineering Department.

Maria Mackiewicz-Talarczyk from the Institute of Natural Fibres in Poland opened Day Three with her presentation on "Global Flax Market Situation." Concurrent Sessions highlighted Processing/Biotechnology, Industry Presentations, Flax in Canada, Components, Co-Products and Breeding.

Proceeding lunch, SaskFlax Executive Director Linda Braun and FAO/SCORENA Coordinator Dr. Prof. R. Kozlowski offered their appreciation to conference participants, presenters and committee members and officially brought Flax/Bast 2008 to a conclusion. The "torch" was passed to Dr. Gennady Zaikov of Russia where the next conference is to be held in 2009.

Post Conference Tours were made available to those interested. Tour A: The Science City included a tour of The Canadian Light Source and the Plant Gene Resource Canada with Tour B: Ag in the City: visiting a John Deere machinery facility and the Saskatchewan Research Council. The following day an optional Post Conference Tour highlighted a trip to the Craik Sustainable Living Project Eco-Centre, a tour of the Craik Flax house and a visit to PDRA (Ackerman) Acres located in the Chamberlain area.

## The Language and Literature of Flax

*N. Lee Pengilly*

Storytelling has existed as long as humanity has had language. Every culture has its stories, legends and lore just as every culture has its storytellers, often revered figures who possess a certain magic in their voices as they spin their tales.

With flax recognized as one of the fundamental crops of human kind, it is no small wonder that folklore associated with the growing, harvesting and processing of flax is found woven into many cultures the world over. Flax responded well to humankind's early attempts at plant domestication and by Neolithic times it had achieved a dominant position in the social, religious, economic and political lives of Neolithic peoples; a status that became securely entrenched.

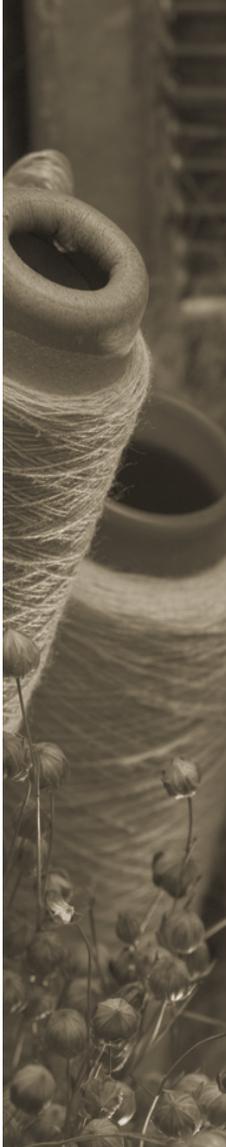
As we well know, many events are beyond any human understanding or control and we have long struggled to come to terms with that recognition. Ancient peoples often used heroes or supernatural beings to explain the origins of natural phenomena or aspects of human behaviour.

In Classical Greek Mythology, the story of The Three Fates supported the claim that life was indeed predetermined and beyond our control. It was said that at birth, we were each visited by three goddesses and together they spun the thread of our human destiny.

The first one was known as Clotho (Klow-tho). She held the distaff and spun the thread. Lachesis (La-kiss-is) drew out the thread, and decided how long it would be. The third goddess, Atropos (Etra-Poss) snipped the thread when our time was nigh. These goddesses came to be known as The Three Fates.

The magic of the Three Fates easily transferred into many other stories. Reference to the Three Sisters can be found throughout the ages including Shakespeare's play Macbeth, in which the infamous Three Sisters (or Witches) foretold the story of Macbeth's undoing.

Much more recently, in Walt Disney's version of Sleeping Beauty, it was three Fairies (Flora, Fauna and Merryweather) who bestowed magical wishes upon the Princess Aurora who fell into a deep sleep after pricking her finger on a poisoned spindle. It is interesting to note there is a much bolder reference to flax in an earlier version of this story entitled The Ninth Table from 1001 Arabian Nights. In this story, because a "morsel of flax entered behind one of her nails fair Siitukhan fell to the floor in a deep sleep." And, in an early collection of folktales from Italian storytellers published in 1634 the story of Sun, Moon and Talia cites the same fate befalling that story's heroine when "Talia ran a splinter of flax under her nail and fell dead upon the ground."



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## Saskatchewan *inDemand* 2008

November 14 to 16, 2008

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### What is it?

Saskatchewan *inDemand* 2008 is a unique trade show providing an opportunity for Saskatchewan entrepreneurs to showcase and promote their "Saskatchewan Made" products, services and talents.

Entrepreneurs participating cite direct consumer sales, opportunities to promote their products and services as well as networking with industry representatives as good reasons to attend Saskatchewan *inDemand* 2008.

Visitors will experience informative and educational speakers who will present on various topics including Saskatchewan success stories, helpful tips on becoming a successful entrepreneur as well as subjects of consumer interest.

As part of this show, several Saskatchewan groups will be joining together to tell folks about the expanding industry of natural fibres. Fibre *inDemand*, Naturally! will showcase fibre from a number of Saskatchewan sources including sheep, llama, alpaca and flax. Various displays will be available for exploration and to give hands on experience with many types of fibre. Demonstrations showcasing such arts as spinning, weaving, knitting and dyeing will be ongoing. Retailers with a wide array of unique hand crafted products will provide plenty of opportunities for both gift and personal shopping.

*Axel Diederichsen  
explains his flax  
plots to international  
delegates.*

## Plant Gene Resources Canada

As part of the Conference Coordinating Team for Flax/Bast 2008 I was provided with the opportunity to join the group visiting Plant Gene Resources of Canada (PGRC), located on the University of Saskatchewan campus. Although I was vaguely familiar with the concept of what this component of the AAFC – Saskatoon Research Centre was about, a tour of the facility left me with a much greater appreciation of both the importance and significance of the collections stored there.

Dr. Axel Diederichsen, Curator of PGRC was our host and began by explaining the reason for having a plant gene bank. According to the hand-out brochure provided, "Intensive agriculture has relied on the large scale production of genetically uniform crops. Unfortunately, as genetic diversity decreases, a crop's vulnerability to pests, diseases and adverse climatic conditions increases. Gene banks are maintained to conserve genetic diversity. This prevents the loss of genetic traits and acts as a source of genetic material from which improved crop variations can be developed. All plant germplasm (living plant tissue from which new plants can be grown) stored at PGRC is in the form of seeds."

Fashion Shows will be held on both Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 pm.

For more information about Fibre *inDemand*, Naturally or if you would like to take part, contact Randy Cowan at 306.668.0130 or [info@croppiberscanada.ca](mailto:info@croppiberscanada.ca)

There will be a competition for Saskatchewan made fibre products again this year. If you'd like more information about the competition or are interested in entering contact Barb Schmidt at 306.945.2377 or [schmidt@sasktel.net](mailto:schmidt@sasktel.net)

From a food perspective, SaskFlax and the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission are partnering to showcase flax and mustard as high quality unique ingredients well suited to today's healthy lifestyles. Consumers will be able to taste these food products and take away product information and recipes.

### When is it?

Friday	November 14	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday	November 15	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	November 16	10:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Where is it?

Hall D, Prairieland Park  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

### More information?

[www.saskatoonex.com/indemand/indemand\\_index.html](http://www.saskatoonex.com/indemand/indemand_index.html)

Lori Cates, 306.683.8813

Agricultural Manager of Prairieland Park





Left to right:

Ackerman and Hartman Families.

Larry Turgeon, Craik Flax House.

Tour participants learning about flax production.

## Saskatchewan Sun and Hospitality Shines On International Visitors

Hosted by SaskFlax and arranged by Flax/Bast Conference Coordinator Penny Eaton, participants of the International Flax and Other Bast Plants Conference were welcome to register for the July 24th "Fields of Fiber Tour." Penny was busy loading coolers of water as close to 50 enthusiastic registrants boarded the bus outside of the Hilton Garden Inn that morning. It was a beautiful Saskatchewan summer day and the vast expanse of blooming flax and canola fields garnered more than the occasional photo snapped from a bus window as the bus headed south to our first destination, the Craik Sustainable Living Project Eco-Centre.

We arrived at our destination by mid morning and Centre hosts provided us with a tour of the unique features of the facility. After a brief stop at the Craik Flax House (soon to have a garage addition) we enjoyed a bus trip through Craik and to the Legion where we were provided a luncheon buffet of wraps, salads and home baked desserts organized through the Eco-Centre. Local gardeners provided many of the ingredients for the fresh green salad. After a series of photos taken outside the Legion Hall and up and down Main Street we were once again on the bus and off to PDRA (Ackerman) Acres located in the Chamberlain area.

At the main yard Patrick Ackerman greeted us. Patrick and Donna with children Carson, 11 years old and Skylar, aged 7 live on the main farm site and are the primary operators of the farm. Pat's Dad and Mom (Richard and Agnes) live across the road and are also full time farmers, but confess to enjoying a more southern climate when the temperature begins to fall. Ackerman Ag Services Ltd., another component

of the Ackerman operation includes Jeff Hartman as a partner. Jeff, his wife Lena and son Danton, aged 7, live in Moose Jaw.

Patrick joined us on the bus and provided first hand information to tour participants regarding the land, crops produced, and details about farming in Saskatchewan while answering the many questions our international visitors posed. The Ackerman Family plants a variety of crops including peas, lentils, canola and of course, flax. Our bus driver was extremely amenable to taking his bus on any back roads as directed by Patrick, much to the delight of the passengers.

Our first stop was a field of edible peas. Everyone baled off the bus and with Patrick's permission, wandered into the field, sampling the peas and taking pictures as they went. A chorus of amazement went through the group when a moose cow with two calves at side ambled out of the bush. Needless to say, when she saw our group she made a quick get away, but not before the many clicking cameras had captured her and her family.

Next stop was a large field of flax, still partially in bloom. Patrick and Jeff had taken the extra time to mow the ditch and a short walkway into the field. Our group fanned out for a closer investigation asking a flurry of questions as they went. Pictures were taken – as individuals, as small groups, as delegations – all framed by our acclaimed prairie sky and Ackerman Flax!

Once back on board we proceeded to the Ackerman Farm home site where the rest of our hosts greeted us including a very enthusiastic farm dog named Roxie who received more than her share of attention. As an added touch, all members of the Ackerman Family and Hartman Family were wearing bright red Canada Day T-Shirts. A significant line of

their farm equipment (also red) had been brought into the yard including tractor and air seeder, high clearance sprayer and combine. Tour participants climbed aboard, asked many questions and were photographed with a full group picture taken in front of, beside and on the combine.

We were generously provided with a mid-afternoon "hospitality break" and once again our hosts outdid themselves. They served a buffet of crackers and bean dip, various kinds of Saskatchewan made sausage and mustards, all served with hot and cold beverages including a sample of our Saskatchewan made beer! For dessert there was coffee and homemade Saskatoon berry tarts as presented by Agnes – her own recipe highlighting fresh Saskatoons recently picked "just down the road". Patrick and Donna's son, Carson displayed a school project he had completed for the Heritage Fair. It outlined the history of the farm, and Carson did an admirable job of explaining the story to all those who asked.

With gracious appreciation as voiced from all on the tour, we began loading the bus for our return trip to Saskatoon only after we had signed the guest book and noted where we were from. And with a final gesture of hospitality, both Donna and Lena, when asked where one of the tour participants could get a T-Shirt similar to what they were wearing, made a quick exit, changed and returned with T-Shirt in hand, giving them over to the person making the inquiry – now there's a living example of "giving the shirt off your back!"

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Flax Commission, sincere thanks to Patrick, Donna, Carson and Skylar, Richard and Agnes, Jeff, Lena and Danton and of course, Roxie for the opportunity to showcase Saskatchewan Hospitality at its very best!

Planey Gene Resources Canada, continued...

The scope of the collection is much larger than I had imagined with the PGRC holding an international mandate to manage world-base collections of barley and oat, and duplicate (back-up) world-base collections of pearl millet and oilseed/green manure crucifers. PGRC's seed collection consists of about 98,000 accessions (samples) of seed!

Of course, our group was most interested in flax and discovered that the Centre holds 3,163 accessions of the genus *Linum* in the form of seed gathered from several different countries with the largest collection (3158) accessions within the species *Linum usitatissimum*. Four other species are represented including *Linum lewisii* which is native to North America. The germplasm is acquired from plant breeders, either locally or in foreign locations, from other gene banks and on collecting trips.

Seed is stored within controlled storage environments: medium term, long-term or cryogenic. Viability of the seed is regularly checked and seed stocks are increased as necessary.

The samples are grown in the field, greenhouse and in growth cabinets with traits identified so that they may be utilized by plant breeders in the development of different varieties.

Obviously such a vast collection and the amount of information that the research generates require a tremendous amount of organization with diligent management of the database being crucial.

The germplasm is made available free of charge to any person with a valid use and can be ordered over the Internet.

For more information on Plant Gene Resources Canada see their website at <http://www.agr.gc.ca/pgrc-rpc>

(Much of the information for this article was obtained from the brochure *Plant Gene Resources of Canada – Saskatoon Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – 2003*)



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## Your Organization Needs You

The backbone of a strong and vibrant organization is a combination of both old and new talent at the Board level. Since its inception, SaskFlax has had the benefit of both. That being said, we're always looking for new talent and that's where you come in! There's no better time than the present to give some serious consideration to putting your name forward to stand for elec-

tion to the Commission. A diversity of talent, location, background and interest provide the solid foundation needed for our organization to move forward and best meet the interest of ALL Saskatchewan flax producers. If you are a registered flax producer, let your voice be heard. For more information and nomination details, contact the SaskFlax office at: [saskflax@saskflax.com](mailto:saskflax@saskflax.com) or contact one of the current Directors. Nominations close Noon, Tuesday, October 21, 2008

### Election Call

The need to increase flax productivity and profitability continues to be of utmost concern to producers. Directors of Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission define the vision and direction for the industry, establish policy and budget and work with the Executive Director and allied industry organizations to advance the industry through concentrated research and development initiatives.

The Commission operates with six directors elected from flax growers (registered producers). Normally, two director positions are made available annually. Each director serves a three year term and may be re-elected. For the 2008/09 period, the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission requires four directors.

Elections are held late each fall, when required. New directors' responsibilities are initiated at the close of the annual general meeting in January. Please consider becoming active at SaskFlax! Complete your nomination form and return no later than noon, Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

Fax Ron Rogal, Marlet Accounting, 306.652.4472  
or mail to: A5A – 116 – 103rd Street East  
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### Plan to Attend Flax Day 2009

Monday, January 12, 2009

Ballroom C, Saskatoon Inn  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

It's your opportunity to dialogue with other flax growers, Directors of SaskFlax, industry leaders and the research community. Check out the program on [www.saskflax.com](http://www.saskflax.com)

Registration is \$25 and available on site (lunch and refreshment breaks included).

Please note location change from the Canadian Room to Ballroom C.

## NOMINATION FORM FOR DIRECTOR

### SASKATCHEWAN FLAX DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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 the past two years and have paid the check-off required pursuant to Sub Sections 15 (1) and (2) of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission Regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Town*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Postal Code*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Telephone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Facsimile*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Telephone/Fax*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print Name*

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*Telephone/Fax*

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*Registered Producer (signature)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Telephone/Fax*

*Please return this form along with you biography on or before Noon, October 21, 2008 to:*

Returning Officer  
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In your biography please describe briefly 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 your education, sports/hobbies, spouse's name and number of children and ages, what your farming operations include (crops grown, livestock) and other organizations you belong to.

Note: Only registered producers may vote, nominate or hold office. If your levy is collected under a company name contact us to designate your company representative.

## Flax Checkoff Deadlines

Period 1 February 28, 2009

Period 2 August 31, 2009

Application forms are available by contacting SaskFlax at:

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## Our Logo Tells A Story

The bright and lively crown of the sheaf of flax represents the coming together of many members into a solid organization.



# SaskFlax

The stalks of the flax plant positioned in a woven manner represent fiber-based products as well as the close interaction between members of the organization.

The boll of the plant, made up of three oil droplet shapes, represents oil-based products as well as the overlapping areas of production, research and marketing.

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