



FLAX COUNCIL OF CANADA

## Message to Producers

**CDC TRIFFID Flax:** If you've got Triffid; this situation can be managed.

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Flax producers should be aware that currently there ARE markets for flax inventory which contains the CDC Triffid variety. Unfortunately, these markets are not the traditional European destinations which have been the predominate marketplaces for Canadian flax.

Flax which contains CDC Triffid must be diverted to other markets. Producers need not panic if the tests of their production are positive to CDC Triffid; however, it is imperative any seed testing positive not enter the normal commercial handling system, without full disclosure of the CDC Triffid contamination. Unexpected delivery of CDC Triffid-contaminated flax will put at risk the entire flax export recovery plan, on which all facets of the industry have been working

Best endeavours will be made by all handlers, merchandisers and shippers of Canadian flax to maintain full value for growers who own seed that contains varying levels of CDC Triffid.

Based upon current information, the industry is confident that such seed can be traded at values close to the prevailing market values. There is a commitment by all industry participants to see that such product is handled, and marketed, into a marketplace which is not sensitive to this GMO event.

Producers, along with all participants in the flax industry, want to rid the Canadian flax production area of all CDC Triffid as soon as physically possible. In order for this campaign to be successful, producers and the industry must work together with open communication and complete trust. With such cooperation, the Flax Council believes we can put this issue behind us once and for all.

Please check the website regularly for updates. <http://www.flaxcouncil.ca/>