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MINNESOTA CANOLA COUNCIL LAUNCHES WEBSITE

MCC launched a new website which serves as a great resource for canola growers, industry, and consumers looking for event schedules, nutritional information, and delicious recipes featuring canola oil. The new site features:

- **Organization** - includes information regarding the Council's board, staff, and past annual reports.
- **Research** - offers information on the Minnesota Canola Production Centre, National Canola Research Program, Sclerotinia Initiative, risk maps, and a searchable research database.
- **Recipes/Nutrition** - features a searchable database of delicious and healthy recipes using canola oil, in addition to a dietary fats chart and nutritional analysis.
- **Events** - provides information on upcoming events (i.e., Field Day/Golf Scramble; Annual Conference).



The site offers the 2011 Conference presentations and sponsor links. *Visit www.mncanola.org!*

RA HARVEST PRICE ANNOUNCED

In March, USDA's Risk Management Agency set the projected 2012 Crop Insurance Price Election for canola at \$23.70 per cwt. This is the second year of the new Common Crop Insurance Policy (Combo) that replaced APH and Revenue Assurance for various crops. Producers have the option of choosing Yield Protection, Revenue Protection, and Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion.

2012 SCLEROTINIA RISK IN CANOLA FORECAST PROGRAM

The Sclerotinia Risk in Canola Forecast Program is a useful tool to help producers assess the risk of sclerotinia. The program was developed by the North Dakota State University canola pathology program with support from the Sclerotinia Initiative, the Northern Canola Growers Association, and the Minnesota Canola Council. While the information presented by this program is based on data generated through extensive research, it is only intended to serve as a guide for growers. The risk maps and the calculator can be found on the MCC website: www.mncanola.org.

MCC/NCGA JOINT RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MCC and NCGA have a joint research advisory committee which determines the most productive allocation of available research dollars, including North Central Regional NCRP and Sclerotinia Initiative funds. The committee meets annually and includes producers and industry representation from each state. In addition, the committee includes university representatives from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

'11-'12 JOINT COMMITTEE

- Curtis Amundson**, MCC - Producer
- Hugh Hunt**, MCC - Producer
- Neil Juhnke**, MCC - Industry
- Wally Brandjord**, NCGA - Producer
- Kyle Rollness**, NCGA - Industry
- Dave Gehrtz**, NCGA - Industry
- Brian Jenks**, NCGA - University

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2012 NCRP FUNDING MATRIX

Researcher	Project	Funding
NDSU (Jenks, Davis)	Effect of Desiccants Applied Preharvest on Canola Yield and Seed Quality	\$20,354
NDSU (Johnson)	Seeding Date & Production System (Herbicide Resistance/Variety) Influence on Canola Performance	\$34,647
UM (Ehlke)	The Minnesota Canola Production Centre & Canola Research	\$49,967
NDSU (del Rio, Rahman, Halley)	Identification of Herbicide-Resistant Canola Lines with Resistance to Blackleg	\$62,573
NDSU (Rahman)	Development of New Canola Germplasm for Increased Oil Content	\$40,536
Total		\$208,077

2012 CANOLA-SPECIFIC SCLEROTINIA INITIATIVE RESEARCH FUNDING

Researcher	Project	Funding
NDSU (del Rio)	Development of Canola Breeding Populations & Identification of Herbicide-Tolerant Breeding Lines with Resistance to Sclerotinia Sclerotiorum	\$71,518
NDSU (del Rio)	Optimizing Management of Sclerotinia Stem Rot of Canola Through Fungicide Use	\$37,370
NDSU (del Rio)	Identification of Resistance and Pathogenicity Genes Associated with Sclerotinia Sclerotiorum Infection Using Next-Generation Sequencing	\$60,306
Total		\$169,194

MINNESOTA CANOLA COUNCIL

MISSION STATEMENT

The Minnesota Canola Council is dedicated to the canola industry through leadership, research and education, providing a competitive edge to Minnesota's producers and the canola industry.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Curtis Amundson - Chair (Roseau)
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STAFF

Beth Nelson - President
Jon Dockter - Associate Director
Jenna Knoblauch - Communications Dir.
Sherry Liu - IT Specialist
Chelsea Russell - Event Coordinator

2011/2012 EXPENDITURES AND YEAR-END GAIN

Income

Checkoff (6¢ per cwt)	\$21,807.00	
Interest; Grants; Donations; Misc.	<u>55,500.00</u>	\$ 77,307.00

Expenditures

Research	\$17,084.00	
Regulatory; Legislative	11,891.00	
Promotion; Education; Public Relations	19,451.00	
Administrative/Board	<u>13,224.00</u>	61,650.00

Net Gain

\$ 15,657.00

2011/2012 Ending Fund Balance

\$102,281.00

NORTHSTAR AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIES CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

In August, Northstar Agri Industries hosted a Grand Opening event to celebrate its canola crush plant near Hallock, MN. Speakers included US Congressman Collin Peterson, MN State Senator LeRoy Stumpf, MN State Representative Dan Fabian, Kittson County Commission Chair Joe Bouvette, and Northstar's President and CEO Neil Juhnke. With the plant operating at full capacity just 22 days after beginning operations, Northstar is looking forward to the future growth of the industry. Northstar's President, Neil Juhnke, serves on the MCC board.

MORE THAN 100 ON HAND FOR MCC SYMPOSIUM - DECEMBER 2011

In December, more than 100 producers and industry representatives were on hand recently for the MCC's Canola Profitability & Risk Management Symposium held in Hallock, MN. The day began with a tour of Northstar Agri Industries' new canola crushing facility, followed by an afternoon of educational sessions focused on reducing risk and increasing profitability for producers. The "Lucky Doubles" Dinner provided an opportunity to socialize with fellow growers and network with industry professionals.

2012 CANOLA PRODUCTION CENTRE (CPC)

The 2012 CPC was located northwest of Roseau and was conducted with the cooperation of Rice Farms. Nancy Ehlike, Head of the University of Minnesota's Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, served as the project P.I. while Donn Velleckson coordinated research plots with the CPC's Site Agronomist Dave Grafstrom. 2012 CPC trials included: variety and systems comparison; fertility (nitrogen, sulfur, and boron application); pre-harvest desiccant and straight harvesting; seeding date and production system influence on canola performance; and a Performance Ready™ Hybrids trial. Contact the MCC office for a CPC report.



MINNESOTA CPC FIELD DAY, GOLF TOURNEY - JULY 2012

More than 50 growers and industry representatives gathered to view plots located northwest of Roseau on Rice Farms as CPC Site Agronomist Dave Grafstrom led participants through the 9-acre site (see trials above). The tour was followed by the Canola Hackers Golf Scramble. With a total of 83 players taking the course, stakes were high as 21 teams battled for the \$200 1st place prize. This year's champion was Hagen Farms (Billy Hagen, Lee Sorenson, Randy Wahlstrom, and Steve Czech). Coming in second place was Team Pioneer (Jim Johnson, Tony Brateng, Amy Brateng, and Brian Polowski). The first and second place teams were separated by just one stroke. The afternoon ended in the clubhouse with refreshments, socializing, an awards ceremony, and a pig roast dinner. *Thanks to all those who made this event possible.*

MCC SUCCESSFUL IN URGING RMA TO PUSH BACK CANOLA FINAL PLANTING DATE TO JUNE 5

At the urging of the MCC, USDA's Risk Management Agency moved the final planting date for canola in Minnesota to June 5 from May 31 for 2013. For many years, the Council has urged RMA to consider extending the May 31st final planting date to June 10 in order to achieve parity with soybean and sunflower. RMA, however, was not receptive to the idea but did feel that a change in the final planting date to June 5 was justified. While this change fell short of the Council's objective, it does represent a movement in the right direction and an acknowledgement of varietal improvements in canola cultivars. The late planting period will extend from June 6 to June 20. The production guarantee for each acre will be reduced for each day planted after the final planting date by: 1% for the 1st through the 5th day; and 2% for the 6th through the 15th day.

MCC BOARD MEMBER NAMED TO EPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MCC board member and Kennedy area farmer Robert Rynning has been named to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC) for the 2012-14 term. The FRRCC was established to provide independent policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.