

## **Flax Seeding Rate**

## Trial ID: 2022-FP03 — R.M. of Morris

**Objective:** The purpose of this project is to quantify the agronomic and economic impacts of reducing and increasing normal seeding rate in flax.

**Summary:** There was no significant yield difference between seeding rates of 35, 45 and 55 lbs/ac. As a result, there was a decrease in profit equivalent to the increase in seed cost for the higher seeding rates.

Trial Information		NDVI Imagery August 1	
Treatment	35 lbs vs. 45 lbs vs. 55 lbs		
Soil Texture	Clay	12 - 55 lbs	
Previous Crop	Oats	11 - 65 lbs 10 - 45 lbs	
Tillage	Minimal	9 - 45 lbs	
Seeding Equipment	60' Disc Drill	8 - 65 lbs 7 - 55 lbs	
Seeding Date	June 11	6 - 45 lbs	
Variety	CDC Glas	5 - 55 lbs 4 - 65 lbs	
Germination	94%	3 - 45 lbs	
Row Spacing	10"	2 - 65 lbs	
Harvest Date	October 11	1 - 55 lbs	

	Flax F	Flax Response		
	Plants/ft <sup>2</sup>	TWT (kg/hL)	Grade	
35 lbs	48 <sup>A</sup>	71	1.0	
45 lbs	60 <sup>B</sup>	71	1.0	
55 lbs	58 <sup>8</sup>	70	1.0	

Precipitation <sup>†</sup> (mm)					
	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Rainfall	120	45	57	84	306
Normal	54	76	66	95	291
% Normal	223%	59%	86%	89%	105%

<sup>+</sup>Growing season precipitation (mm) - May 01—Aug 31

## **Overall Yield & Economics**

	Mean (bu/ac)	Cost <sup>†</sup>	Change in Profit/ac <sup>++</sup>	
35 lbs	43.8	\$41/ac	+\$11/ac	
45 lbs	43.3	\$52/ac	\$0/ac	
55 lbs	43.5	\$64/ac	-\$12/ac	
P-Value	0.9468		Economics: There is an increase in profit for the lower seeding rate due to the lower cost of seed/acre.	
сv	4.52%	the lower cost of seed/a		
Significance	No			

\*Based on MB Agriculture 2022 Cost of Production Guidelines (\$64.96/ac)

**†**Change in profit is calculated as the difference in cost between seeding rate treatments.





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