



IDAHO OILSEED Commission

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Our mission:

The Idaho Oilseed Commission seeks to further the oilseed industry in Idaho through research, education and promotion. The oilseed industry is continuing to develop and significantly contributes to the economic welfare of Idaho agriculture by adding value and increasing rotational commodities that further support growers. Idaho farmers are in an excellent position to take advantage of this demand. The University of Idaho has been an important leader in the nation in research on canola and rapeseed and the research effort is critical to the competitiveness of Idaho growers. Other partnerships have also been vital in the evolution of the oilseed industry in Idaho and have helped to increase the acreage of mustard, safflower and flax seed in southeastern Idaho.

Research projects that our commissioners have placed a priority on this year include:

- **Management Options for Safflower** (USU, Earl Creech) - study high priorities in safflower by addresses 1) dormant safflower stand establishment 2) weed management, 3) fertilizer, and 4) variety testing
- **Flea Beetle - Spring Canola** (U of I, Jack Brown) - study to determine management strategies to minimize seed yield loss in spring canola due to flea beetle infestation which will quantify yield loss due to flea beetle infestation after seed treatment in four canola cultivars at different planting dates and determine economic thresholds for justifying secondary flea beetle control through foliar insecticide application in addition to seed treatments.
- **Growth Regulators for Mustard** (USU, Earl Creech) - conduct studies at the USU Greenville Farm in North Logan. Greenville is an irrigated farm with outstanding soil. If additional data confirms the utility of growth regulators for improving yield, the last stage of this experiment would be to increase the water and nutrients to boost yields because the plants would be small and not lodge.
- **Early Planting - Winter Canola** (U of I, Jack Brown) - to determine the effect plant growth hormones on plant morphology and yield potential of early planted winter canola, which would determine the effect of commercially available plant growth hormones to modify the plant structure of early planted winter canola and subsequent effect on winterhardiness and seed yield.
- **Parker Farm Seed House Doors** (U of I, Jack Brown) - support research infrastructure by helping repair several the Parker Farm seed house doors that are in disrepair.



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The Idaho Oilseed Commission supports state and regional efforts and initiatives to address critical herbicide resistance issues. Specifically, helping weed science departments in the Pacific Northwest work together to address alternative cropping systems and weed prevention. The short-term goal is to ensure that a minimal level of research and extension efforts are focused on herbicide resistant weed management across regional crops and dryland cropping systems. The longer-term goal is to potentially encourage a university and commission driven emphasis on herbicide resistance management with intent to seek regional federal grant writing efforts to build on research and/or extension efforts currently supported at the state levels. The Commission agrees that it will be beneficial to growers for the Commission to peruse and support future initiatives as well.

The Idaho Oilseed Commission supports and engages with the U.S. Canola Association, a non-profit commodity organization whose mission is to increase domestic canola production to meet growing demand for healthy oil and meal. It promotes the establishment and maintenance of conditions favorable to growing, marketing, processing and using U.S. canola. Idaho Oilseed Commissioners have continued to participate in national board meetings and support Idaho and Pacific Northwest representation in the U.S. Canola Association.

The Idaho Oilseed Commission supports the Pacific Northwest Canola Association and the engagement of Idaho growers to help accomplish their mission. Our Commissioners look forward to the Pacific Northwest Canola Association becoming an integral voice in advocating for growers to government at the state and regional level, as well as partner with the U.S. Canola Association to leverage growers concerns in Washington D.C. Also included, would be to work with universities and state commissions to find projects and to support funding for regional research. We support opportunities to partner with other regional and national canola organizations to influence the Risk Management Agency for expanded crop insurance coverage for canola.



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