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# North Dakota Flax

## *Variety Trial Results for 2019 and Selection Guide*

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This selection guide summarizes flax variety performance at the various North Dakota State University Research Extension Centers. Give special attention to flax yield results of those trials nearest to your production area when evaluating varieties in these trials. Also, attempt to view yield averages of several years rather than using only one year's data as a determining factor. In addition, consider other agronomic characteristics, such as maturity, disease tolerance, lodging score and oil percentages, if available.

The agronomic data presented are from replicated research plots using experimental designs that enable the use of statistical analysis. The LSD (least significant difference) numbers beneath the columns in tables are derived from the statistical analyses and only apply to the numbers in the column in which they appear.

If the difference between two varieties exceeds the LSD value, it means that with 95% or 90% probability (LSD 0.05 or 0.10), the higher-yielding variety has a significant yield advantage. If the difference between two varieties is less than the LSD value, then the variety yields are considered similar. The abbreviation NS is used to indicate "no significant difference" for that trait among any of the varieties.

The CV is a measure of variability in the trial. The CV stands for coefficient of variation and is expressed as a percentage. Large CVs mean a large amount of variation that could not be attributed to differences in the varieties. In the tables, the mean indicates the average of the observations in the column. Only compare values within the table and look for trends for the desired trait among different experimental sites and years.

Oil content and harvested seed yield were adjusted to 9% moisture. **The oil content data are not intended to be compared between locations.** In the table headings (Tables 4 to 10), the lead scientists are acknowledged. Presentation of data for the varieties tested does not imply approval or endorsement by the authors or agencies conducting the tests. NDSU approves the reproduction of any table in this

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**Table 1. Selected Flax Variety Descriptions Tested in 2019 in North Dakota.**

Variety <sup>1</sup>	Origin <sup>2</sup>	Year Released	Days to Flower Avg. <sup>3</sup>	Seed Color	Plant Height	Plant Height		Fusarium Wilt <sup>4</sup>
						inch	Avg. <sup>3</sup>	
AAC Bright	Can.	2017	53	Yellow	Med.tall	23		MR
Bison	ND	1926	52	Brown	Med.tall	23		MR
Carter	ND	2004	53	Yellow	Med.tall	23		MS/MR
CDC Buryu	Can.	2016	52	Brown	Med.	22		MR
CDC Glas	Can.	2012	54	Brown	Med.tall	23		MR
CDC Melyn	Can.	2016	55	Yellow	Med.	22		MR
CDC Neela	Can.	2013	53	Brown	Med.	22		MR
CDC Plava	Can.	2015	53	Brown	Med.	21		MR
Gold ND	ND	2014	53	Yellow	Tall	24		MR/R
ND Hammond	ND	2018	53	Brown	Med.tall	23		MS
Omega	ND	1989	54	Yellow	Med.	22		MS/MR
Prairie Thunder	Can.	2006	53	Brown	Tall	23		MR
Webster	SD	1998	53	Brown	Tall	24		MR
York	ND	2002	52	Brown	Med.tall	23		MR/R

<sup>1</sup> All varieties have resistance to prevalent races of rust; all have good oil yield and oil quality.

<sup>2</sup> Can. = Canada; ND = North Dakota State University; SD = South Dakota State University.

<sup>3</sup> Average of three locations: Carrington, Langdon, Minot in 2019.

<sup>4</sup> R = resistant; MR = moderately resistant; MS = moderately susceptible.

**Table 2. Yield of Flax Varieties at Five Locations in North Dakota, 2017-2019.**

Variety	<u>Carrington</u>		<u>Langdon</u>		<u>Dickinson</u>		<u>Minot</u>		<u>Williston</u> <u>dryland</u>		<u>Average N.D.</u>	
	2019	3 Yr. Avg.	2019	3 Yr. Avg.	2019	3 Yr. Avg.	2019	3 Yr. Avg.	2019	3 Yr. Avg.	2019	3 Yr. Avg.
	---(bu/a)---		---(bu/a)---		---(bu/a)---		---(bu/a)---		---(bu/a)---		---(bu/a)---	
AAC Bright <sup>1</sup>	32.2	--	38.0	--	13.6	--	21.5	--	26.3	--		
Bison	27.2	--	40.1	43.0	16.2	18.5	12.6	13.5	24.0	--		
Carter <sup>1</sup>	32.7	28.7	42.3	42.5	14.7	17.7	13.9	13.3	25.9	25.5		
CDC Buryu	20.2	--	41.6	--	15.4	--	26.8	--	26.0	--		
CDC Glas	35.1	--	41.6	46.2	13.3	20.2	21.4	16.4	27.8	--		
CDC Melyn <sup>1</sup>	22.3	--	34.5	--	12.1	--	15.3	--	21.1	--		
CDC Neela	31.6	31.4	43.2	42.3	13.9	22.5	16.3	15.0	26.2	27.8		
CDC Plava	23.5	--	39.7	--	9.9	--	28.8	--	25.5	--		
Gold ND <sup>1</sup>	21.3	27.6	41.2	45.4	14.1	17.4	14.0	13.6	22.6	26.0		
ND Hammond	28.6	31.8	38.4	42.1	11.0	17.5	15.9	--	23.5	--		
Omega <sup>1</sup>	19.1	25.7	38.5	40.9	13.3	16.6	21.8	17.4	23.2	25.1		
Prairie Thunder	24.4	31.1	42.6	46.3	15.9	18.2	19.3	14.0	25.5	27.4		
Webster	22.7	30.6	42.0	45.9	13.9	16.9	13.2	12.2	23.0	26.4		
York	29.5	32.4	43.2	45.0	18.4	17.2	16.2	14.6	26.8	27.3		
Mean	26.5	29.9	40.5	44.0	14.0	18.3	18.3	14.4	24.8	26.5		
CV %	17.0	--	5.8	--	15.0	--	21.4	--	16.2	7.8		
LSD 0.05	6.6	--	3.9	--	3.6	--	5.2	--	NS	NS		
LSD 0.10	5.5	--	3.2	--	3.0	--	4.4	--	NS	NS		

<sup>1</sup>Yellow seeded.

**Table 3. Test Weight and Oil Content of Flax Varieties at Five Locations in North Dakota, 2019.**

Variety	<u>Carrington</u>		<u>Langdon</u>		<u>Minot</u>		<u>Dickinson</u>		<u>Williston dryland</u>		<u>Average N.D.<sup>2</sup></u>	
	Test Wt.	Oil	Test Wt.	Test Wt.	Oil	Test Wt.	Oil	Test Wt.	Oil	Test Wt.	Oil	
	(lb/bu)	(%)	(lb/bu)	(lb/bu)	(%)	(lb/bu)	(%)	(lb/bu)	(%)	(lb/bu)	(%)	(%)
AAC Bright <sup>1</sup>	44.8	41.8	48.9	53.5	42.7	45.7	46.2	45.3	45.9	47.6	44.1	
Bison	49.7	37.6	52.7	52.1	40.3	46.5	43.6	52.1	43.1	50.6	41.1	
Carter <sup>1</sup>	50.9	38.1	53.2	53.9	41.1	50.5	42.8	51.9	42.9	52.1	41.2	
CDC Buryu	48.6	37.6	52.9	54.1	40.7	50.2	43.1	52.3	43.4	51.6	41.2	
CDC Glas	46.1	39.1	50.6	54.2	41.1	47.0	44.4	47.8	44.4	49.1	42.3	
CDC Melyn <sup>1</sup>	42.8	40.4	47.4	53.8	42.0	43.3	46.1	46.0	45.3	46.7	43.4	
CDC Neela	48.0	38.9	51.4	51.3	40.4	48.5	43.3	51.3	43.1	50.1	41.4	
CDC Plava	44.4	39.3	51.6	53.3	40.7	46.0	43.7	47.7	44.8	48.6	42.1	
Gold ND <sup>1</sup>	48.1	38.7	52.7	54.5	41.9	48.2	43.9	52.2	44.7	51.1	42.3	
ND Hammond	45.9	38.4	51.5	48.1	40.5	43.7	42.4	50.3	42.3	47.9	40.9	
Omega <sup>1</sup>	47.3	38.3	53.4	--	40.4	47.8	42.7	53.2	43.4	--	41.2	
Prairie Thunder	48.6	37.6	52.1	54.7	39.9	48.3	42.6	51.1	43.1	51.0	40.8	
Webster	47.4	38.7	52.5	56.1	40.3	46.3	44.2	51.5	44.4	50.8	41.9	
York	47.4	37.8	51.7	53.9	40.4	47.5	43.0	51.0	43.7	50.3	41.2	
Mean	47.1	38.7	51.6	53.3	40.9	47.1	43.7	50.3	43.9	49.8	41.8	
CV %	3.6	1.9	0.8	1.5	4.4	2.7	1.5	1.3	0.9	2.9	1.1	
LSD 0.05	2.4	1.1	0.6	1.0	NS	2.1	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.8	0.7	
LSD 0.10	2	0.9	0.5	0.9	NS	1.8	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.5	0.6	

<sup>1</sup>Yellow seeded.<sup>2</sup>Test weight average of five dryland trials and oil average of four dryland trials.

**Table 4. 2019 Flax - Carrington - Authors, M. Ostlie and B. Schatz.**

Variety	Days to	Days to	Plant	Plant	Oil	Test	Seed Yield		
	Flower	Maturity	Height	Lodge <sup>1</sup>	Content	Weight	2019	2-yr. Avg.	3-yr. Avg.
	(DAP) <sup>2</sup>	(DAP) <sup>2</sup>	(inch)	(0-9)	(%)	(lb/bu)	------(bu/a)-----		
AAC Bright <sup>3</sup>	51	87	27	0	41.8	44.8	32.2	--	--
Bison	48	89	28	5	37.6	49.7	27.2	29.9	--
Carter <sup>3</sup>	50	88	27	3	38.1	50.9	32.7	30.6	28.7
CDC Buryu	50	88	28	5	37.6	48.6	20.2	--	--
CDC Glas	51	86	27	1	39.1	46.1	35.1	--	--
CDC Melyn <sup>3</sup>	54	83	26	3	40.4	42.8	22.3	--	--
CDC Neela	51	83	27	2	38.9	48.0	31.6	33.7	31.4
CDC Plava	50	82	26	4	39.3	44.4	23.5	--	--
Gold ND <sup>3</sup>	52	88	28	5	38.7	48.1	21.3	27.1	27.6
ND Hammond	50	86	28	0	38.4	45.9	28.6	32.1	31.8
Omega <sup>3</sup>	51	87	28	5	38.3	47.3	19.1	24.5	25.7
Prairie Thunder	51	90	28	4	37.6	48.6	24.4	29.9	31.1
Webster	52	87	30	4	38.7	47.4	22.7	29.9	30.6
York	49	86	27	2	37.8	47.4	29.5	31.8	32.4
Mean	51	86	28	3	38.7	47.1	26.5	29.9	29.9
CV %	1	1.7	6.4	57	1.9	3.6	17.0	--	--
LSD 0.05	0.7	2.0	2.5	2.4	1.1	2.4	6.6	--	--
LSD 0.10	0.6	1.7	2.1	2.0	0.9	2.0	5.5	--	--

Planted: May 13. Harvested: Sept. 18. Previous crop: oat.

<sup>1</sup>Lodging: 0 = none, 9 = lying flat on the ground.<sup>2</sup>DAP = Days after planting.<sup>3</sup>Yellow seeded.**Table 5. 2019 Flax - Organic - Carrington - Author, S. Zwinger.**

Variety	Days to	Days to	Plant	Oil	Seed Yield		
	Flower	Maturity	Height	Content	2019	2-yr. Avg.	3-yr. Avg.
	(DAP) <sup>1</sup>	(DAP) <sup>1</sup>	(inch)	(%)	------(bu/a)-----		
Carter <sup>2</sup>	53	89	25	41.1	4.9	16.7	19.4
CDC Melyn <sup>2</sup>	53	89	25	44.7	5.9	--	--
CDC Neela	52	85	23	41.3	5.1	20.4	22.5
Gold ND <sup>2</sup>	53	89	27	43.1	6.9	19.9	22.8
ND Hammond	52	91	26	40.8	6.3	20.9	24.4
Omega <sup>2</sup>	53	88	24	42.0	6.6	18.3	21.5
Pembina	54	87	25	41.2	5.1	20.0	22.3
Prairie Thunder	48	83	24	40.5	4.9	20.2	24.6
York	50	91	25	40.2	8.8	21.5	25.5
Mean	52	88	25	41.6	6.0	19.7	22.9
CV %	1.4	0.7	4.6	2	19.7	--	--
LSD 0.05	1.1	1.0	1.7	1.2	1.7	--	--
LSD 0.10	0.9	0.8	1.4	1	1.4	--	--

Planted: May 14. Harvested: Sept. 4. Previous crop: cover crop.

<sup>1</sup>DAP = Days after planting.<sup>2</sup>Yellow seeded.

**Table 6. 2019 Flax - Dickinson - Author, G. Martin.**

Variety	Days to	Days to	Plant	Oil	Test	Seed Yield
	Flower	Mature	Height	content	Weight	2019
	(DAP) <sup>1</sup>	(DAP) <sup>1</sup>	(inch)	(%)	(lb/bu)	(bu/a)
AAC Bright <sup>2</sup>	54	106	18	46.2	45.7	13.6
Bison	53	103	19	43.6	46.5	16.2
Carter <sup>2</sup>	54	106	17	42.8	50.5	14.7
CDC Buryu	54	103	18	43.1	50.2	15.4
CDC Glas	55	105	20	44.4	47.0	13.3
CDC Melyn <sup>2</sup>	56	101	19	46.1	43.3	12.1
CDC Neela	54	106	17	43.3	48.5	13.9
CDC Plava	55	104	17	43.7	46.0	9.9
Gold ND <sup>2</sup>	54	106	20	43.9	48.2	14.1
ND Hammond	54	103	18	42.4	43.7	11.0
Omega <sup>2</sup>	56	104	18	42.7	47.8	13.3
Prairie Thunder	54	105	19	42.6	48.3	15.9
Webster	54	105	20	44.2	46.3	13.9
York	54	107	18	43.0	47.5	18.4
Mean	54	105	18	43.7	47.1	14.0
CV %	1.7	1.6	6.0	1.5	2.7	15.0
LSD 0.05	2.0	2.7	2.0	1.1	2.1	3.6
LSD 0.10	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.9	1.8	3.0

Planted: May 6. Harvested: Sept. 19. Previous crop: Cover Crop.

<sup>1</sup>DAP = Days after planting.

<sup>2</sup>Yellow seeded.

**Table 7. 2019 Flax - Langdon - Authors, B. Hanson, T. Hakanson and L. Henry.**

Variety	Days to	Plant	Test	Seed Yield				
	Flower	Height	Weight	2017	2018	2019	2-yr. Avg.	3-yr. Avg.
	(DAP) <sup>1</sup>	(inch)	(lb/bu)	----- (bu/a) -----				
AAC Bright <sup>2</sup>	52	23	48.9	--	--	38.0	--	--
Bison	52	27	52.7	48.9	40.0	40.1	40.1	43.0
Carter <sup>2</sup>	53	25	53.2	47.7	37.6	42.3	40.0	42.5
CDC Buryu	52	24	52.9	--	--	41.6	--	--
CDC Glas	53	22	50.6	54.0	43.0	41.6	42.3	46.2
CDC Melyn <sup>2</sup>	54	23	47.4	--	--	34.5	--	--
CDC Neela	51	23	51.4	46.2	37.6	43.2	40.4	42.3
CDC Plava	52	22	51.6	--	--	39.7	--	--
Gold ND <sup>2</sup>	53	25	52.7	52.1	43.0	41.2	42.1	45.4
ND Hammond	52	24	51.5	48.8	39.2	38.4	38.8	42.1
Omega <sup>2</sup>	54	23	53.4	45.7	38.5	38.5	38.5	40.9
Prairie Thunder	54	26	52.1	53.1	43.1	42.6	42.9	46.3
Webster	52	24	52.5	51.6	44.2	42.0	43.1	45.9
York	52	28	51.7	50.2	41.7	43.2	42.5	45.0
Mean	52	24	51.6	49.8	40.8	40.5	41.1	44.0
CV %	1.3	5.0	0.8	6.6	7.9	5.8	--	--
LSD 0.05	1.1	2.0	0.6	4.7	NS	3.9	--	--
LSD 0.10	0.9	1.7	0.5	3.9	NS	3.2	--	--

Planted: May 14. Harvested: Sept. 16.

<sup>1</sup>DAP = Days after planting.

<sup>2</sup>Yellow seeded.

**Table 8. 2019 Flax - Dryland - Williston - Authors, J. Bergman and G. Pradhan.**

Cultivar	Days to Flower (DAP) <sup>1</sup>	Days to Maturity (DAP) <sup>1</sup>	Plant Height (inch)	Plant Weight (lb/bu)	Test Content (%)	Seed Yield		
						2019	2-yr. Avg.	3-yr. Avg.
						------(bu/a)-----		
AAC Bright <sup>2</sup>	54	94	26	45.3	45.9	21.5	--	--
Bison	54	94	28	52.1	43.1	12.6	14.1	13.5
Carter <sup>2</sup>	53	95	25	51.9	42.9	13.9	14.9	13.3
CDC Buryu	53	94	27	52.3	43.4	26.8	--	--
CDC Glas	55	94	28	47.8	44.4	21.4	18.3	16.4
CDC Melyn <sup>2</sup>	56	94	26	46.0	45.3	15.3	--	--
CDC Neela	56	97	24	51.3	43.0	16.3	16.6	15.0
CDC Plava	55	95	26	47.7	44.7	28.8	--	--
Gold ND <sup>2</sup>	55	95	28	52.2	44.7	14.0	15.1	13.6
ND Hammond	54	96	26	50.3	42.3	15.9	13.8	--
Omega <sup>2</sup>	56	94	27	53.2	43.4	21.8	21.2	17.4
Prairie Thunder	55	95	28	51.1	43.1	19.3	15.2	14.0
Webster	54	97	28	51.5	44.4	13.2	13.4	12.2
York	54	94	27	51.0	43.7	16.2	17.1	14.6
Mean	55	95	27	51.2	44.0	17.4	16.0	14.4
CV %	2.2	2.1	6.2	1.3	0.8	21.4	--	--
LSD 0.05	1.7	2.8	2.3	1.0	0.5	5.2	--	--
LSD 0.10	1.4	2.3	2.0	0.8	0.4	4.4	--	--

Planted: May 3. Harvested: Sept. 23. Previous crop: cover crop.

<sup>1</sup>DAP = Days after planting.<sup>2</sup>Yellow seeded.**Table 9. 2019 Flax - Irrigated - Williston - Authors, J. Bergman, T. Tjelde and J. Jacobs.**

Cultivar	Days to Flower (DAP) <sup>2</sup>	Days to Maturity (DAP) <sup>2</sup>	Plant Lodge <sup>1</sup> (0-9)	Plant Height (inch)	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Seed Yield		
						2019	2-yr. Avg.	3-yr. Avg.
						------(bu/a)-----		
Bison	60	94	0.5	29	52.6	38.7	30.2	33.1
CDC Bethume	58	96	0.0	28	52.7	29.2	--	--
CDC Glas	58	94	0.3	25	51.8	21.2	22.5	27.5
CDC Melyn <sup>3</sup>	58	92	0.0	26	53.3	25.2	28.5	--
CDC Sanctuary	59	94	0.3	28	51.9	36.6	29.8	32.4
CDC Sorrel	58	95	0.3	29	52.5	33.9	27.6	29.6
Gold ND <sup>3</sup>	59	97	0.0	28	53.3	31.2	26.7	30.6
ND Hammond	58	94	0.3	28	52.5	35.2	29.2	--
Pembina	59	95	0.5	28	52.7	29.9	26.5	--
Prairie Thunder	60	95	0.3	31	52.7	38.0	28.8	--
Rahab 94	60	94	0.0	28	52.1	29.6	26.2	--
York	59	95	0.0	26	52.4	32.8	27.9	30.8
Mean	59	94	0.2	28	52.5	31.8	27.6	30.7
CV %	2.1	2.5	208.9	6.6	1.4	18.8	--	--
LSD 0.05	1.8	3.4	NS	2.6	1.0	8.6	--	--
LSD 0.10	1.5	2.9	NS	2.2	0.9	7.2	--	--

Planted: May 6. Harvested: Aug. 30. Previous crop: corn.

<sup>1</sup>Lodging: 0 = none, 9 = lying flat on the ground.<sup>2</sup>DAP = Days after planting.<sup>3</sup>Yellow seeded.

**Table 10. 2019 Flax - Minot - Author, E. Eriksmoen.**

Variety	Days to Flower (DAP) <sup>1</sup>	Plant Height (inch)	Oil Content (%)	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Seed Yield 3-yr. Avg. <sup>2</sup> (bu/a)
AAC Bright <sup>3</sup>	54	22	42.7	53.5	--
Bison	53	23	40.3	52.1	18.5
Carter <sup>3</sup>	54	23	41.1	53.9	17.7
CDC Buryu	53	21	40.7	54.1	--
CDC Glas	55	23	41.1	54.2	20.2
CDC Melyn <sup>3</sup>	55	22	42.0	53.8	--
CDC Neela	54	23	40.4	51.3	22.5
CDC Plava	54	19	40.7	53.3	--
Gold ND <sup>3</sup>	55	25	41.9	54.5	17.4
ND Hammond	53	23	40.5	48.1	17.5
Omega <sup>3</sup>	55	22	40.4	--	16.6
Prairie Thunder	55	23	39.9	54.7	18.2
Webster	55	23	40.3	56.1	16.9
York	54	23	40.4	53.9	17.2
Mean	54	23	40.9	53.3	18.3
CV %	1.4	6.1	4.4	1.5	--
LSD 0.05	1	2	NS	1.0	--
LSD 0.10	1	2	NS	0.9	--

Planted: May 6. Harvested: Sept. 1. Previous crop: spring wheat.

<sup>1</sup>DAP = Days after planting.

<sup>2</sup>Average of 2017, 2018 and 2019.

<sup>3</sup>Yellow seeded.

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