

2004 Niger Thistle Variety Trial – Continuously Cropped No-till, Hettinger

Variety	Plant Stand*	Days to Bloom	Seed Yield
	%		Lbs/Ac
Early Bird	48	63	161
Finch Gold	58	59	154
N951	48	64	118
NS031	49	50	65
Trial Mean	51	59	125
C.V. %	35.5	2.9	17.6
LSD .05	NS	2	23
LSD .01	NS	2	31

* Visual estimate of surviving plant stand on July 1.

NS = no statistical difference between varieties.

Planting Date: May 25, 2004

Harvest Date: September 27, 2004

Seeding Rate: 6 lbs / acre.

Previous Crop: barley.

Notes: Plant emergence was poor due to drought. The trial sustained relatively dry and cool growing conditions and sustained a hard frost on June 18 (25° F).