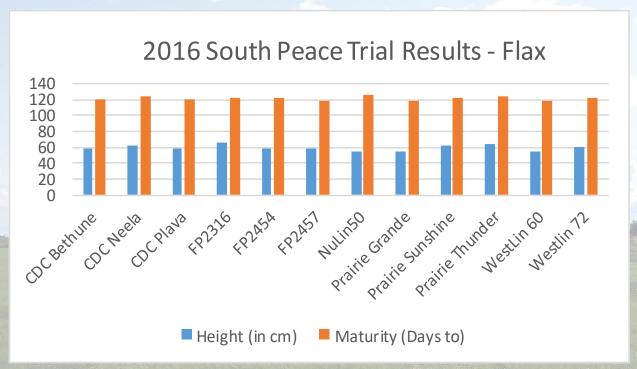


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These two pages show the results of our 2016 regional research trials conducted in the Peace Region for flax. The early snow during harvest in the fall of 2016 meant that the flax at both the North Peace and South Peace research farms was left in the field, with no yield available. The regional trials conducted help breeders to develop earlier maturing varieties as well as frost tolerant lines that can be planted earlier than current varieties.



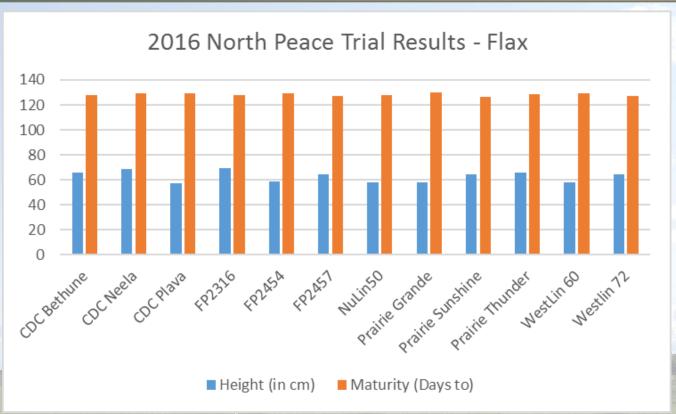


Flax planted in the North Peace Research Farm in 2016

In 2016, the weather station at the South Peace research farm recorded 423 ml of precipitation between May 1st and September 30th. 122 ml above average!

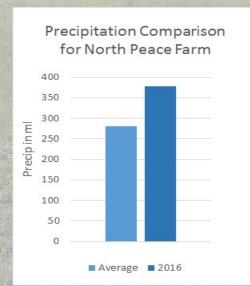


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It has proven to be beneficial to flax as early as possible to allow for earlier blooming which can help reduce flower abortion from midsummer heat. While fields of flax have been successfully grown in the Peace Region, growing flax in this area is still a risky venture and large acreage planting should be discouraged until further breeding programs have resulted in earlier maturing varieties.

There was significantly more precipitation in 2016 than the region receives on average.



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